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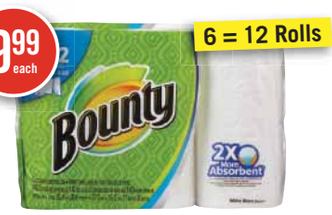

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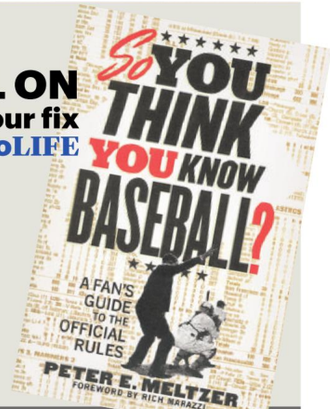

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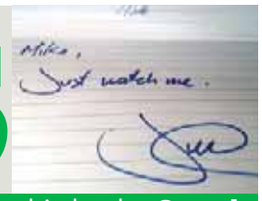

A note written by prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau sells for big bucks. **Canada**

Plan puts brakes on vehicles

REDEVELOPMENT

UofT eyes pedestrian area at King's College Circle

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

An ambitious plan by the University of Toronto aims to ban vehicle traffic in King's College Circle and turn the area into a 22-acre pedestrian courtyard.

Located just west of the Ontario legislature, King's College Circle is home to some of the university's oldest and most historic buildings. However, UofT's vice-president of operations, Scott Mabury, said the area is under-utilized by students — and the broader public — because of the high volume of cars.

"It's dangerous at times," said one student interviewed by UofT's Varsity newspaper.

"Right now the landscape itself prioritizes the car," Mabury said. "The street is nine metres and there's one metre for pedestrians. Frankly, that's backwards."

The school has commissioned an eight-week design competition to solicit ideas for how best to revitalize the area. So far, entries have come from some of the city's most recognized architecture firms, including architectsAlliance and KPMB Architects.

LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

The designs include everything from cobblestone plazas to gardens and even a skating rink.

"I could imagine the whole city wanting to come and skate around King's College Circle," Mabury said.

Mabury has been a champion for the project, saying he saw the true pedestrian potential of the area during last month's lunar eclipse.

"There were 12,000 people out there," he said. "And despite the fact that there was no moon everyone was having a great time."

While the renovation will be a boon for pedestrians, it does mean the loss of nearly 400 parking spaces along the roadway. Mabury said the school intends to replace those spots, and he noted many of the submitted designs include underground parking.

The winning design will be announced in November. Plans will only be finalized after consultation with the university community, Mabury said.

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Designs draw out potential

1 The University of Toronto plans to remove vehicular traffic from King's College Circle and turn the area into what vice-president of operations Scott Mabury calls "a green oasis" for pedestrians.

2 3 4 Some of the various concept drawings submitted as part of the King's College Circle revitalization contest.

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ISLAND AIRPORT

Councillor asks for validation of Vaughan's vow

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto city councillor has penned a letter to prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau, asking if plans to bring jets to the island airport really died with the election of his Liberals and, more specifically, Adam Vaughan.

Vaughan, the winner in Spadina-Fort York, said on election night that the airport expansion is dead and told Torstar News Service that Trudeau had signed off on stopping the extension.

Coun. Jim Karygiannis, however, is skeptical.

"I'm looking over the Liberal Party platform; nowhere did I find this matter addressed," Karygiannis wrote.

"As a former Liberal member of parliament and a member of the GTA caucus, I cannot remember us having taken a firm policy decision on this issue."

In his experience in federal politics, promises made by individual MPs are not necessarily supported by the party and its leader, Karygiannis said. And he wants to hear straight from Trudeau if that's the case with Vaughan's statements.

Vaughan was not available for comment Thursday, citing the anniversary of the Parliament Hill shooting.

"Today marks a very sad and sombre day. Politics should not take centre stage or contend with remembrance," Vaughan wrote in an email to Metro.

If Trudeau backs Vaughan's position on the airport, the councillor wants him to reconsider and consult Torontonians on the issue.

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BYLAWS

Committee votes for hookah ban

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's licensing and standards committee voted Thursday to ban hookah smoking at local establishments.

The decision — which still needs to be approved by full council to take effect — came after a debate left some committee members in a huff.

Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti was ordered to leave the meeting after questioning Dr. David McKeown, the city's chief medical health officer.

Deputy city manager John Livey objected to Mammoliti's conduct, and a shouting match ensued. Eventually, committee chairman Cesar Palacio asked security to escort Mammoliti from the room.

The city has been debating the hookah ban since May, when McKeown issued a report noting the practice is on the rise among youth, some of whom believe the practice is safe.

"Using a hookah to smoke any substance poses health risks, such as heart and lung diseases, lung cancer and other respiratory problems to users and those exposed to second-hand smoke, including employees," McKeown said at the time.

The city already forbids smoking tobacco indoors, but McKeown believes the ban should be broadened to include non-tobacco hookah products such as shisha.

Coun. Jim Karygiannis suggested the ban would constitute an "attack" on Middle Eastern cultures.

If approved, the ban would start April 1.

Hailing from Morocco, Taoufik Nour says he's been smoking shisha for more than 20 years. "It's a connection between me and my background," he says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

IN BRIEF

Mother charged with stabbing young daughter

Police in London say a six-year-old girl is in critical condition following surgery for stab wounds and her mother has been charged with attempted murder.

Police say officers arrived at the home on Thursday morning and found the child suffering from a "serious" abdominal stab wound.

Investigators say 29-year-old Erica Ehikwe was arrested at the scene and has been charged with one count of attempted murder.

She remains in custody pending a court appearance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

No union receipts needed for talks

Teachers' unions weren't asked to provide any receipts or invoices before the Liberal government handed them $2.5 million for extra bargaining costs — and no such documentation was needed, the education minister insisted Thursday.

This year's talks with teachers and support staff unions were the first under the Liberals' new two-tier bargaining system, and the unions incurred extra costs because it was an especially long process. When the government decided to help cover those extra costs, there was "some discussion" about the amounts, but no full accounting, Liz Sandals said.

"We know how long we've been at the hotel. We know what hotel rooms cost. We know what the meeting rooms cost. We know what the food costs. We know what 100 pizzas costs. You don't need to see every bill when you're doing an estimate of costs."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto's short on data

STATISTICS

Researcher hopes for long-form census's return

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's ability to provide daycare for families, housing for the needy or settlement services for refugees all depends on data.

And, Harvey Low, a senior researcher with the city, is hoping the long-form census' return will allow those services to be delivered more effectively — and to the people who need them most.

Since the Conservatives cancelled the long-form census in 2010, Low said the city has had trouble getting the data it needs.

"We're using other sources of data to try to plug the hole, but it still doesn't provide the same information that the long form can," he said.

Whether it's putting kids in daycare, helping newcomers feel at home in the city, or offering support for the LGBT community, the city relies on data – like the kind found in Statistics Canada's long-form census – to serve its residents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Justin Trudeau promised during the election that his party will bring the traditional census back. Now that the Liberals are in Ottawa — with a majority government — Low is feeling optimistic.

"It's great news," he said. "We'll regain a better understanding of the groups we serve and be able to pinpoint the needs of the community."

Low said the data from the National Household Survey — which replaced the long-form census — is "questionable," and lacks the detailed demographic data of its predecessor. As a result, he said a number of city departments — including Toronto Public Health — don't even use NHS data.

The city relies on Statistics Canada data about its population to communicate with residents and deliver effective programming. Everything from determining the location of subsidized childcare spaces and recreation programs to settlement services and anti-poverty plans rely on data, Low said.

"Urban issues are interconnected," he said. "Take housing. There's a complex series of factors that play into that urban issue, things like labour market conditions and individual health outcomes.

"We have to look at those urban issues through a multifaceted lens and the only way we can do that is have a multifaceted data source like the long-form census."

If the Liberals do bring back the census, Low believes there's an opportunity to add or rephrase some of the questions so cities can get even better data.

"We've long wanted a better understanding of our LGBT communities, and we'd love to have better information on mental health," he said.

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GARRETT STYLES TRIAL

A sentencing hearing full of emotion

A torrent of emotion was released at the Newmarket Courthouse Thursday as the family of Const. Garrett Styles spoke out for the first time since the day he died more than four years ago.

The Crown is asking for the youth involved in Styles' death to be sentenced to six years in 'open custody,' namely the MacMillan House facility, in Milton.

Justice Alex Sosna is expected to return his decision on sentencing Friday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENTS

"Garrett was my best friend, my partner in life and the father of my children. He was my first love."
Melissa Styles

"On June 28, 2011, I stood over my boy's lifeless body and said my goodbyes for the last time ... I miss him everyday."
Former Staff Sgt. Garry Styles

"As I watch them grow I see the kind and caring nature in them that drew me to their father."
Melissa Styles on raising her young children

Canada's Dairy Farmers were proud to recently sponsor the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL) season opening game, skills clinic and Q&A. These events scored big as part of our **Fuelling Women Champions** program, created to shine a light on women in sports at every level.

The clinic helped 82 young girls improve their skills and included a Q&A with Fuelling Women Champions ambassador, Natalie Spooner and two teammates, Jessica Vella and Emily Fulton. The exciting game between the Toronto Furies and Boston Blades was live-streamed nationally, as will 32 other games this season at **CWHLlive.com**, courtesy of Canada's Dairy Farmers.

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The Martin Goodman Trail is attracting plenty of riders with its safe cycling infrastructure. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bike traffic blowing up

QUEENS QUAY

Waterfront sees nearly 600 cyclists an hour at peak times

Bike traffic is up — way up — on the redesigned portion of Queens Quay that includes an extension of the Martin Goodman Trail on the south side of the street.

Despite some initial confusion about how bikes and pedestrians mix on the new section of trail, nearly 600 cyclists an hour are travelling the waterfront during some weekday and weekend periods, according to Waterfront Toronto, the agency in charge of the Queens Quay makeover, which officially opened in the summer.

That's how many bikes on average travelled through the Lower Simcoe intersection per hour between noon and 4 p.m. on the weekend of Sept. 5 and 6, during the popular Hot & Spicy Food Festival.

That's more than 10 times as many as the 40 cyclists an hour counted at the same intersection in 2007 during that event.

Nearly 600 cyclists an hour are also using the trail during the weekday rush. A Tuesday, Sept. 1 count showed bike traffic was highest around 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Waterfront officials expected lots of bike traffic on weekends but weren't sure the new trail would attract many commuters.

"What we're really excited to see is at peak rush-hour times, we get our biggest spikes. It's way more than what the city has seen on some of the new cycle tracks they've put in, which also have seen impressive increases," said Waterfront's Mira Shenker.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, there were 4,571 cyclists on Queens Quay. On Monday, Sept. 7, the number had risen to 6,189.

Shenker, who commutes on the trail herself, said safe cycling infrastructure is attracting more cyclists.

The new bi-directional trail on Queens Quay has been tweaked since it opened. To address any confusion, Waterfront Toronto has painted "stop" in the blue bike boxes at the intersections to show cyclists where to brake, ahead of the pedestrian crossing area. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NEW LANES

Toronto will be able to build bike lanes in less time for less money thanks to new provincial rules, says the city's manager of cycling infrastructure and programs.

Toronto will no longer do provincial environmental assessments (EA) to build on-street bike lanes. The assessments have been blamed for holding up projects such as the Richmond-Adelaide cycle track.

Eliminating the process will allegedly save at least six months and sometimes years in the approval of those projects.

ALCS a war of carefully arranged words

MLB PLAYOFFS

Toronto, K.C. libraries duel alongside Jays, Royals series

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Baseball fans in Toronto and Kansas City are locked in a grueling fight for the American League championship.

So too are the city's libraries, apparently.

Using the most powerful arms at their disposal — books — the Toronto and Kansas City libraries are engaged in a friendly Twitter spat that's been all too entertaining for their followers.

Staff at each library has been meticulously choosing books, arranging them so their titles read like the message they want to convey to the opposing team and firing off a picture.

Toronto librarian Vickery Bowles calls it book-spine poetry.

Bowles said the war is expected to continue right down to the last crack of the bat.

"We've always used social media to engage people and this is a wonderful way to support our team," she said. "We all love baseball and the libraries, so it's a great combo."

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It all started when Kansas City sent out this "zinger" after Tuesday's 14-2 loss.

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Tweet 2

Still feeling the pain of defeat, Toronto staff muscled up this witty reply.

Tweet 3

When the tide turned with the Jays' much-needed win on Wednesday, there was no holding back.

Investing in a property under the sun

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For now, Ecuador remains a relatively well-kept secret. "Prices reflect what was available in Costa Rica 15 years ago, but in a country where first-rate and modern infrastructure is already in place," says Poole. Lots on HolaEcuador's Pacific coast development start at US $21,995, while construction of a two-bedroom, one-bathroom house starts at US $69,900. "The country is amongst the safest in Latin America and the currency is the US dollar, which is very reassuring for investors," adds Poole.

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NEW Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"I grew up in an apartment building in the Kensington area. If it's still there, it would be close to the Scotiabank. What I liked about the building was that it had a cement rooftop. It also had a small three-foot ledge going around it. My sisters and I would play games and tag up there, but I would also pretend to be Spider-man. I recall one day, as I was shooting my webs out, I lost my balance and went flying a 20-feet drop and went to the hospital.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. It showcases the triumphs and tribulations that allow people to be connected by what we call humanity. Selections from Omar's work are being featured weekly in Metro. You can see more of her work at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

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Art by Gregory Alan Elliott is displayed prominently along the walls of I Deal Coffee. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Coffee shop under fire for artwork

I DEAL COFFEE

Cafe owner displayed art by alleged Twitter stalker

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A Kensington Market coffee shop is at the centre of an online uproar after displaying artwork made by the man accused in the city's infamous Twitter harassment trial.

Gregory Alan Elliott, 54, has been charged with two counts of criminal harassment for allegedly stalking two Toronto women via Twitter. A judgment is expected in early 2016.

It's believed to be the first case of criminal stalking based on Twitter, and it's tapped into heated discourse about modern feminism, harassment and men's rights.

The co-owner I Deal Coffee, Julie, said she hung Elliott's art in the Kensington location about two months ago, but on Sunday, someone noticed and posted about it on Facebook. The next day, a woman came into the store and threw coffee all over the art, splashing a customer, she said.

Julie asked that her last name not be published, as she's concerned about some of the comments being made online.

"The way this has been going, I feel that I might be next in line, under attack," she said.

She said she believes I Deal Coffee is now experiencing the same harassment that Elliott has been accused of.

Julie said she knows Elliott, as a local artist and a customer, and likes his art.

"He's been nothing but helpful in our shops and he's been a loyal customer. We didn't feel we were aligning ourselves with his case, so much as we were aligning ourselves with the artist," she said.

Julie said it's "unfortunate" if people believe she and I Deal Coffee have taken a side in the court case.

"I would hope that the supposed victims don't necessarily feel that we are attacking them by displaying art, because that's the furthest from our intention," she said.

I Deal Coffee has since started an online fundraiser to help pay for a public relations service.

Greg Kourtoff, a communications expert, sat in on Metro's interview and said I Deal Coffee has become the target of "a witch hunt."

"I Deal Coffee has been known to hire women and minorities, and this online campaign, if you want to call it such, by these individuals, doesn't reflect, in any way, what I Deal stands for," he said.

Art by Gregory Alan Elliott splashed with coffee. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

ATTENDANCE

CNE sees record numbers

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Did you pay a visit to this year's Canadian National Exhibition? If so, good on you: You helped make history.

Attendance at the CNE has been tallied at 1.6 million people — the biggest crowd drawn since 1998 and a 11.6 per cent increase from 2014.

The CNE generates about $69.3 million for the GTA and $102.3 million for the province each year, Virginia Ludy, the exhibition's general manager said in a statement.

This year's success can be attributed to several factors, she said: Good weather, the strong Canadian dollar and a "stellar lineup of attractions and concerts," she said.

Next year's exhibition is expected to run Aug. 19 to Sept. 5.

The crowd at the CNE grounds. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

IN BRIEF

Neighbourhood helps city by planting trees

A Scarborough housing complex is doing its part to help in the city's ongoing recovery from the 2013 ice storm.

Residents of Chester Le community housing will plant 60 new trees and shrubs on Saturday. It's an attempt to replace more than 150 trees the community lost during the storm.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Towhey details struggles as Ford chief

POLITICS

Ex-mayor's rise and fall, family life described in new tell-all

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Mark Towhey was Rob Ford's chief of staff, but the most revealing parts of his "tell-all" about Ford are about the ex-mayor's family.

Towhey's Mayor Rob Ford: Uncontrollable is being released on Oct. 27. The book takes the reader through the mayor's successful election and early days at city hall, then chronicles his descent into drugs and alcohol, and brushes with the law.

But it's Towhey's revelations about the Ford family's lives that are likely to cause the most concern. He writes about one particular fight between Ford and his wife, involving drugs and a gun, waged in front of Ford's kids.

He writes that the Children's Aid Society had been involved with the Fords' home.

Towhey's book is due out Oct. 27, and details his thoughts from his time working in the mayor's office. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

But, he tells Metro he never called them.

"It was always an area of concern, but you have to draw in your mind an area between danger and just not a pleasant environment," he said.

Towhey also "struggled a lot" with including Ford's drunken allegations about his wife Renata, particularly Ford's claim she was doing sex work — which Towhey does not know is true, or made up by Ford in a drunken rage.

"That's the part that bothers me the most, but part of his story is their story, and it seems to me we had to tell the story," he said.

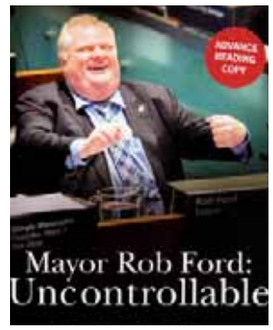
5 EXCERPTS FROM CITY HALL BOOK

1 Children's Aid Society

EXCERPT: "We believed their parents weren't doing a great job, but that wasn't really our determination to make. Our concern was, are they safe? We knew the Toronto Children's Aid Society had visited the Ford home a number of times. They had concluded the kids were alright. In fact, they seem to have deemed Rob Ford to be the more competent parent. (That sobered us.)"

2 Ford's claims about his wife

EXCERPT: "They pay her to blow them or for a f---. I catch them. Stephanie tells me these guys are coming over." Stephanie is his then-eight-year-old daughter.



Towhey's new book. CONTRIBUTED

3 Sandwich trips for his daughter

EXCERPT: "I turned on my heel and walked into Rob's office. I told him the Sandwich Run stops today, and reminded (him) how much s--- he'd get in if anyone found out he was spending the taxpayers' money on this. I pointed out that a mayoral staffer in a suit showing up at a school full of unionized teachers who weren't exactly Rob's biggest fans was unlikely to go unnoticed."

4 Feared TPS protected Ford

EXCERPT: "Two different senior members of the Toronto Police Service had told me officers had pulled over the mayor's car late at night on multiple occasions and driven him home rather than charging him for driving under the influence."

5 Job in Ford's office left him scarred

EXCERPT: "For a long time, each new Ford revelation resulted in an onslaught of media inquiries for interviews — wanting me to tell the inside stories or interpret the latest signs from the Ford fiasco. I avoided those, because I did not — do not — want to be 'the Ford whisperer' for the rest of my life. And each time I did media left me hiding at home for a little while longer."

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Crean moves from city to Hydro One

QUEEN'S PARK

Council's ombudsman to take on troubled utility

Problem-riddled Hydro One has a watchdog.

Fiona Crean, currently the ombudsman for Toronto City Council, is taking her investigative skills to the utility that has been dogged with consumer complaints.

Crean, who was on the short list to replace André Marin as Ontario's ombudsman, took over as Toronto's first ombudsman in April 2009. Her term expires next month.

"Ms. Crean brings to this position decades of professional experience dedicated to fairness in government, human rights and social justice. She has been a leader in promoting access and equity," a spokeswoman for Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli said in an email statement.

Crean, who was kept extremely busy during the Rob Ford's mayoralty, will be taking her new job just as the government is preparing to sell off 60 per cent of Hydro One, yet maintain controlling interest.

Marin earlier this year released a damning report on Hydro One's inability to handle a barrage of billing complaints. He said thousands of customers were trapped in a billing nightmare because the utility chose to lie about how serious the problem was.

The multilingual Crean's experience includes being the assistant deputy minister in the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, where, among other things, she was responsible for addressing systemic racism and sexism.

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Watchdog Fiona Crean has a new job. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Last December, Pan Am athletes rode the rocket to promote the Games, making kids like two-year-old Will O'Neil happy. The TTC boosted its service by 12 per cent during the Games, keeping adult riders happy as well. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

TRANSIT

Riders give TTC gold for Pan Am service

The TTC brought in a gold-medal performance during the Pan Am Games this summer, according to its riders.

The latest customer survey results by Environics show an 81 per cent satisfaction score, even higher than the 79 per cent result the TTC was touting only last month.

The 79 per cent in the second quarter was the highest score in two years and transit officials were anxious to sustain it.

But the subsequent third quarter results showed that the TTC offered a smooth ride during the challenging Pan Am Games period.

"Customer pride is up to 75 per cent from 69 per cent from the previous survey. Customers also report better value for money, up significantly to 95 per cent for daily TTC riders," said a TTC press release on Thursday.

During the games, the TTC boosted its service by 12 per cent across the entire system, including earlier subway starts on Sundays, additional buses and streetcars and eight extra trains on the Yonge and Bloor-Danforth lines.

81%

The TTC's latest customer survey showed an 81 per cent satisfaction score.

It also deployed staff to work as Games ambassadors and it provided entertainment in key Pan Am destination stations.

The perception among riders that the TTC is offering good value for money increased for the first time in three years.

The results are based on a quarterly telephone survey of 1,000 riders, 13 or older who use the TTC at least once a month. The TTC has been using the survey since 2012.

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5 things on PM's to-do list

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Justin Trudeau rose to power on a sweeping platform that promises everything from middle-class tax cuts to legalizing marijuana. Here, Metro examines some of the most immediate items on the incoming prime minister's to-do list. Metro is going to keep track of whether or not he fulfills those promises, and starting Monday we'll take an in-depth look at each of them.

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1 Gender parity

"My Liberal cabinet will have an equal number of men and women."
What: Trudeau promised gender parity in his cabinet.
How: Naming a cabinet is a delicate and difficult task with many factors to consider, including geographical representation, political experience and ethnic and linguistic diversity.
When: Trudeau will name his cabinet on Nov. 4.

ISTOCK

2 Taxation

"A Liberal government will introduce, as its very first bill in Parliament, a tax cut for the middle class."
What: The Liberals have said their first act upon recalling Parliament will be to pass legislation enacting the middle class tax cut.
How: The Liberals will cut the middle income tax bracket to 20.5 per cent from 22 per cent and add a new tax bracket of 33 per cent for people earning more than $200,000 per year.
When: As soon as Parliament resumes.

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3 Syrian refugees

"Canada must immediately accept 25,000 Syrian refugees, stop dragging its heels."
What: The Liberals pledged to expand Canada's intake of refugees from Syria by 25,000 "through immediate Government sponsorship."
How: The plan includes $100 million this fiscal year to speed up refugee processing, and another $100 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to support relief efforts.
When: By the end of the year.

ISTOCK

4 Climate change

"We will go to Paris united as a country in our desire to reduce our emissions."
What: The United Nations climate change conference in Paris starts Nov. 30.
How: Trudeau said he would bring the premiers with him, and work with them to establish a national framework to fight climate change, including new national emissions reduction targets.
When: Within 90 days.

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5 Indigenous women

"We will work with communities and with engaged stakeholders to ensure that we get moving on this quickly."
What: Trudeau has committed to a national inquiry into the more than 1,200 cases of missing and murdered indigenous women.
How: He said he'll sit down soon with Perry Bellegarde, the Assembly of First Nations national chief, to discuss the matter.
When: Unknown.

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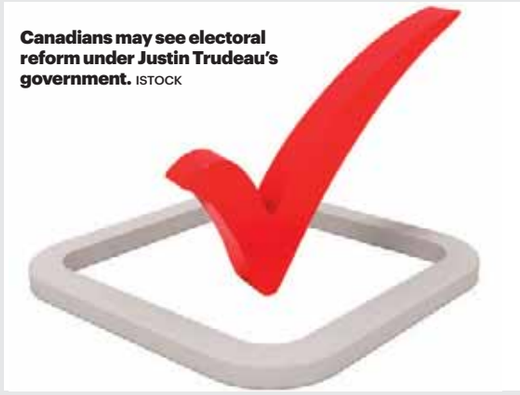
Other promises to keep an eye on

1 Senate reform
With 22 vacancies and a Conservative majority in the Senate, Trudeau may have to move quickly so legislation passes in the upper house. He has promised a non-partisan, merit-based process to advise him on Senate appointments.

2 Long-form census
Trudeau has promised to restore the mandatory long-form census, which the Conservatives scrapped in 2010. Critics said its replacement, the National Household Survey, was more expensive and less reliable.

3 Combat mission in Iraq
Trudeau committed during the campaign to ending Canada's bombing mission against ISIL and refocusing on training local forces.

4 Electoral reform
Trudeau has vowed that 2015 will include the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system, and to introduce electoral reform legislation within 18 months after a parliamentary committee studies all the options.



Canadians may see electoral reform under Justin Trudeau's government. ISTOCK

5 Legalizing marijuana
It was one of Trudeau's first policy planks after being elected leader of the Liberal party in 2013. The Liberals have said they will create a task force to design a new system of "strict marijuana sales and distribution." They will also remove marijuana consumption and incidental possession from the Criminal Code.

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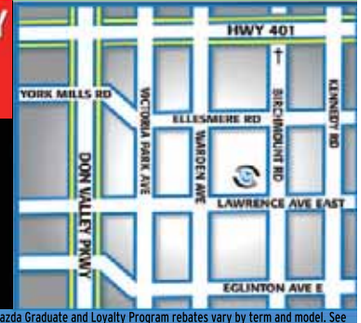

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‘It’s sadness, but it’s also pride’

OTTAWA SHOOTING

Thousands mark first anniversary

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Marcus Cirillo, son of fallen soldier Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, had a front row seat to an emotional show of sympathy and honour on Thursday as thousands of people gathered to mark the one-year anniversary of the Ottawa shooting.

The six-year-old boy sat with his family just a few feet away from where his father was fatally gunned down from behind by a shooter on Oct. 22, 2014, who then stormed into Parliament Hill’s Centre Block.

The event also honoured the life of warrant officer Patrice Vincent, who was purposefully run over by a vehicle two days earlier in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.

It was a sombre ceremony, marked by several moments of silent reflection that was only pierced by the sounds of marching orders of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, a 21-gun salute, and a CF-18 flyby.

Thousands of people lined the streets surrounding the National War Memorial hoping to get a glimpse of the ceremony and to hear Gov. Gen. David Johnston speak.

“Last year many people said Canada would never be the same. But I don’t think Canada changed forever. Canadians are a caring and courageous people. This is who we are and that will not change,” said Johnston.

Yvan and Angela Barbe, veterans with the Canadian Armed Forces, were among the dozens of people who laid a bouquet of flowers at the memorial. Their son, Canadian Air Force aviator Remi Barbe, was the one who handed Trudeau and Harper the wreath Thursday. It was “amazing” to see such a large crowd to pay their respects, but he said he now has mixed emotions when he walks by the War Memorial.

“It’s sadness, but it’s also pride,” he said.

CPL. NATHAN CIRILLO

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, 24, was shot fatally from behind by a lone gunman, who then raced into the House of Commons before he, too, was gunned down. Cirillo, a member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders regiment, left a young son, Marcus Cirillo, as well as his mother, stepfather and siblings who were in attendance. The young corporal and his partner, Cpl. Branden Stevenson, were on ceremonial sentry duty at the war memorial when Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, shot him in the back. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister Stephen Harper place a wreath during a ceremony marking the one year anniversary of the attack on Parliament Hill Thursday. Top right: Marcus Cirillo (left), son of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, stands next to Cameron Cirillo as he salutes. Bottom right: Marcus places a wreath to honour his father. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trudeau note sells for $12K

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Document written in 2013 during run for leadership

A note that referenced the past while predicting the future has been sold for more than $12,000.

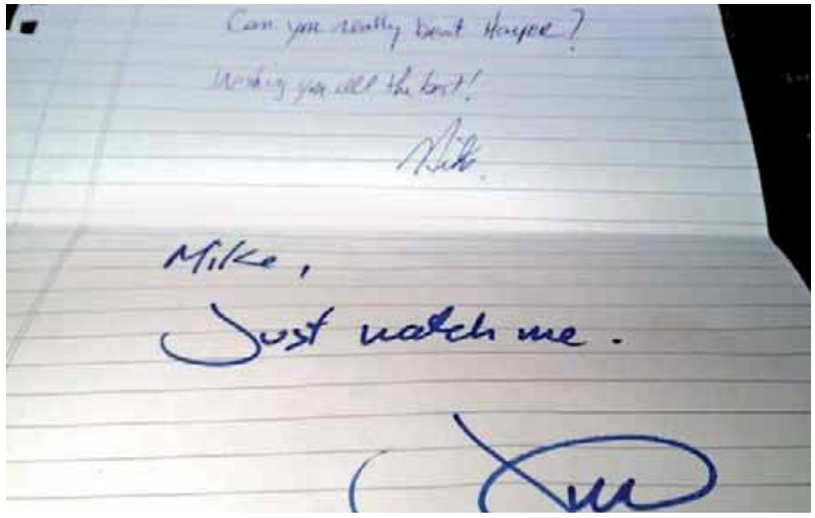
The document is a 2013 note in which then-Liberal leadership contender Justin Trudeau predicted he would succeed Stephen Harper as Canada's prime minister.

Michael Kydd was on a Porter Airlines flight on March 20 that year and passed a note to Trudeau, whom he had never met, asking "Can you really beat Harper?"

Trudeau responded with a quote from his late father - former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau- "Just watch me."

The younger Trudeau, who was running for the Liberal leadership at the time, is now the prime minister-designate after helping his party win a majority government in Monday's election.

The note, which was posted on eBay, sold this afternoon for a total of $12,301.



Justin Trudeau writes a note declaring he can beat Stephen Harper in an election. IMGUR.COM

Kydd, who formerly worked in communications for the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives, said the reference was instantly recognizable to him as someone with a "true love" of Canadian history.

"I immediately understood the significance," said Kydd. "I actually laughed out loud when I read it because I thought it was the absolute perfect response."

Kydd said he tweeted the message at the time and heard about it from Trudeau during a chance encounter near the Chateau Laurier Hotel two months later when he was on business in Ottawa.

Kydd said Trudeau seemed to recognize him and asked if he knew him from somewhere.

Kydd replied, "How does 'Just watch me' on an airplane sound?"

> **"I actually laughed out loud when I read it because I thought it was the absolute perfect response.**
> Michael Kydd

"He poked me in the chest and he was laughing and he said, you have no idea how much trouble you got me into with the Liberal Party of Canada over that."

Kydd said he told Trudeau that he, too, had heard about it from Conservatives.

Trudeau's father replied "Well, just watch me!" on Oct. 13, 1970, when asked by a reporter how far he would go in limiting civil liberties to combat separatist terrorists during the October Crisis.

Three days later, Pierre Elliott Trudeau invoked the War Measures Act, giving police more power in response to the kidnapping of British diplomat James Cross and Quebec provincial cabinet minister Pierre Laporte by the FLQ.

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IN BRIEF

Three arrested over Nigerian dating scam

Three people have been arrested in connection with what police are calling an international fraud and money-laundering scheme allegedly run by a secretive, violent Nigerian organization with affiliates around the world.

Police say one of the alleged victims of the scheme is a 63-year-old Toronto woman who was defrauded of $609,000 over the course of three months in 2014.

Toronto police Det. Const. Mike Kelly says the woman has been devastated and "economically ruined."

Ikechukwu Amadi, 34, of Mississauga, Lineo Molefe, 31, and Akohomen Ighedoise, 41 — both from Toronto — have been charged with laundering the proceeds of crime and fraud over $5,000. Ighedoise is also charged with participating in a criminal organization.

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Sammy Yatim on the streetcar's security video, minutes before he died. SCREENGRAB

POLICE SHOOTING TRIAL

Court hears fatal gunshots

The sound of nine loud gunshots shattered the quiet of a Toronto courtroom Thursday as a jury heard for the first time audio of the final moments of Sammy Yatim's life.

The 18-year-old was holding a small knife on an empty streetcar when, after a 50-second confrontation with police, he was shot several times.

Const. James Forcillo has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder and attempted murder in Yatim's shooting death.

Crown prosecutors have said they plan to prove that Forcillo's actions during the July 2013 incident were neither necessary nor reasonable. Forcillo's lawyer has said he will be arguing that the officer's actions were justified and carried out in self-defence.

In court on Thursday, two cellphone videos taken by civilians, an audio recording from a microphone inside the streetcar, and a recording of police radio communications, combined with surveillance videos played earlier this week, all stitched together a narrative of what happened on the night of the shooting.

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70 prisoners freed from ISIL in U.S./Iraqi raid

Believing that Islamic State captives held on a compound in northern Iraq faced "imminent mass execution," dozens of U.S. special operations troops and Iraqi forces raided the site Thursday, freeing approximately 70 Iraqi prisoners in an operation that saw the first American killed in combat in the country since the U.S. war against IS began in 2014, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least 10 dead in Shiite mosque suicide bombing

A suicide bomber targeted a Shiite mosque in southwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 10 people and wounding several others, a government official said.

Six children were among those killed, Bugti said.

The male suicide bomber was wearing a woman's head-to-toe burqa dress to deceive guards, he said.

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ISRAEL

One dead in case of mistaken identity

A Jewish Israeli man was shot and killed in a scuffle with Israeli soldiers who suspected he was a Palestinian attacker, police said Thursday, in a reflection of the jittery mood that has gripped Israelis amid a spate of near-daily stabbings.

The shooting came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in Germany for talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on how to restore calm. Kerry is set to meet with the Palestinians this weekend.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the shooting of the Israeli man in Jerusalem late Wednesday occurred after soldiers patrolling the area asked him to show his ID as he got off a bus.

The man refused, scuffled with the soldiers and then attempted to seize one of their weapons. A private security guard nearby shot the man, and one soldier also opened fire, police said. The man later died of his wounds.

Police said the soldiers had grown suspicious when the man, speaking in Hebrew, asked to see their IDs and proclaimed, "I am ISIS," referring to the Islamic State militant group.

"The soldiers had high suspicions that he was a terrorist," Rosenfeld said. Police later identified the man as a 28-year-old Jewish resident of Jerusalem, without providing further details.

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THE CURRENT OUTBREAK

Ten Israelis have been killed over the last month, mainly in stabbing attacks.

On the Palestinian side, 48 people have been killed, 27 of them labeled by Israel as attackers, the others killed in clashes with Israeli forces. The violence erupted a month ago, fueled by rumours that Israel was plotting to take over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site revered by both Jews and Muslims.

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Tensions rise at border crossings

BALKANS

Police struggle to handle thousands of refugees

Refugees traded punches and scuffled with police at a Serbian border crossing and a man was stabbed in a similar clash on the Slovenian border Thursday, as pent-up pressures on their trek toward hoped-for safe haven in the European Union boiled over.

Slovenian police said the stabbing took place near Rigonci earlier in the day, and that the victim was given medical treatment.

The unrest at Berkasovo village on the Serbian border subsided after several minutes. But the outbreak reflected the frustrations of the tens of thousands of people facing long waits and other hardships as they make their way north over the Balkans each day in search of better lives in prosperous EU countries.

Soldiers attempt to maintain order on Thursday at a border crossing in Spielfeld, Austria, as refugees wait to be transferred after arriving from Slovenia.

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Further along that route, Austrian police moved to relieve pent-up pressure which they feared could lead to violence, removing barriers at an overcrowded collection point at a border crossing with Slovenia. A day earlier, thousands of refugees broke through police obstacles at the same collection centre at the Spielfeld border point.

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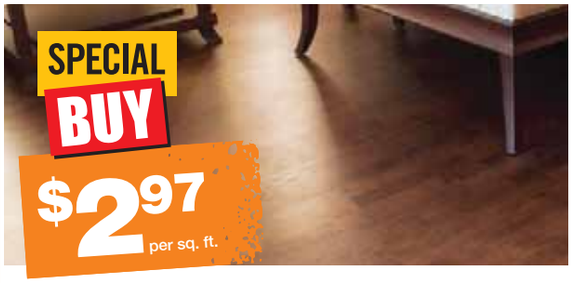

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Russian military gives reporters Syrian tour

MIDDLE EAST

Exhibition comes as leaders meet in Moscow

Russian fighter jets streak into the sky from this base in western Syria for yet another day of the heavy bombing runs that have allowed Moscow to portray itself as a major global player, projecting military power far from its borders.

While support crews attached a missile to an Su-30 jet for a mission Thursday, helicopter gunships buzzed around the base to make sure there was no threat of a ground attack.

Russia has been conducting daily airstrikes in Syria since Sept. 30 to back a government offensive by its longtime ally. Moscow says it is targeting militants, especially from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and other extremists. The U.S. and others have criticized the strikes, which they say are aimed primarily at groups fighting Assad's forces and likely only to fan the violence.

The Russian Defence Ministry flew Moscow-based reporters to the air base early Thursday, giving a few international news organizations their first inside look at its operations here.

The tour was organized Wednesday, the same day the Kremlin announced that Syrian President Bashar Assad had met in Moscow with President Vladimir Putin. Assad's visit Tuesday was his first known trip abroad since the conflict broke out in 2011 and raised intense speculation about the their motives.

A diplomatic push also was underway. Russia said Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry would meet Friday in Vienna and would be joined by their counterparts from Saudi Arabia and Turkey, both staunch critics of Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian pilot walks from his Su-30 jet in the background at Hemeimeem airbase, Syria. Since early morning, Russian combat jets have been taking off from this base heading for missions. VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

U.S. forces destroy ISIL-held oil field

U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq and Syria carried out a large-scale attack on Syria's Omar oil field as part of its mission to target the Islamic State group's ability to generate money, a coalition spokesman said Thursday.

Operations officer Maj. Michael Filanowski told journalists in Baghdad that airstrikes late Wednesday struck IS-controlled oil refineries, command and control centres and transportation nodes in the Omar oil field near the town of Deir el-Zour.

Coalition spokesman Col. Steven Warren said the attack hit 26 targets, making it one of the largest set of strikes since launching the air campaign last year.

The refinery generates between $1.7 and $5.1 million per month for the Islamic State group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **It was very specific targets that would result in long-term incapacitation of their ability to sell oil.**
> Maj. Michael Filanowski

IN BRIEF

Hillary Clinton speaks at latest Benghazi committee

Hillary Rodham Clinton firmly defended her actions on Benghazi as she came face-to-face Thursday with the Republican-led special investigation of the 2012 attacks on a U.S. diplomatic mission in the Libyan city.

Democrats have assailed the investigation as a ploy to derail Clinton's White House bid. Clinton kicked off a long day of questioning with a plea that the United States maintain its global leadership role despite the threat posed to U.S. diplomats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Airbnb offers insurance

SHARING ECONOMY

Canada one of 15 new countries to get protection

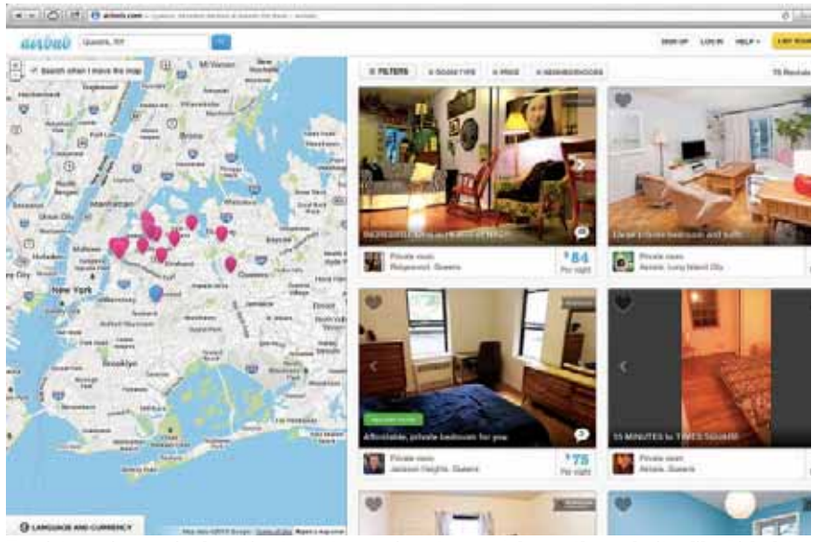
Airbnb is adding a new level of insurance coverage in Canada as part of wider support for people who list their properties through its service.

The online accommodation provider announced Thursday that its Host Protection Insurance program, which launched earlier this year in the United States, would be rolled out in 15 more countries.

The expanded coverage will provide compensation if a guest is injured at a property listed on Airbnb and brings a claim against the host.

The insurance could also cover damages a guest causes to the surrounding area of a property — such as accidental water damage if a pipe burst affects a neighbouring apartment.

Coverage, which comes at no additional cost to the host, tops out at $1 million, the company said.



Tourists are increasingly opting to rent space in a stranger's house through sites like Airbnb to avoid staying in a pricey hotel, such as in New York City. COURTESY AIRBNB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Host Protection Insurance program, which will be provided through a partnership with a Lloyd's of London participating insurer, comes after Airbnb spent four years on an agreement that satisfied the insurers, said Airbnb product lead Jonathan Golden.

"The insurance industry is not fast paced, so it has taken time to educate them on these platforms," he said.

"It has been a challenge to handle products like these (which are) unique and individual solutions."

Airbnb has been growing in popularity as the so-called "sharing economy" becomes more commonplace with the help of taxi-hailing service Uber and various other apps.

Golden said Airbnb executives wanted to line up a significant number of countries before it launched the expanded insurance coverage.

Since its U.S. launch in January, less than 50 claims have been filed under the Host Protection program when factoring in all of the eight million guest bookings, he said.

Airbnb, which offers a substitute to hotels, has about 33,000 host listings across Canada.

Few of those bookings have resulted in major issues for the company, but some of the higher profile problems have raised red flags for insurance companies.

In May, a Calgary family discovered their home was trashed amid a "drug-induced orgy" by hard-partying renters. Property damage was assessed at around $75,000, though Airbnb said it would cover the costs at the time.

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IN BRIEF

Valeant in crisis as stock plunges for third day

The market value of Canada's biggest publicly traded pharmaceutical company, Valeant Pharmaceuticals, has been cut by more than $30 billion this week as its stock plunged Tuesday, Wednesday and again Thursday amid intense scrutiny of its business practices. Citron Research, which examines fraudulent and over-hyped stocks, alleged that Valeant created a network of pharmacies to distribute its products and avoid the scrutiny of auditors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"The latest readership research confirms Metro's position as the second most-read print newspaper in the GTA with an average Monday to Friday daily readership of 656,000 readers," said Greg Lutes, vice-president and group publisher, Metro Eastern Canada.

1.8 million

1.8 million people read Metro's products every day in Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

"Our digital platforms add another 13 per cent reach, for a total of 743,000 readers. It is gratifying to see that our investment in local content is being reflected in the increase in readership," he added.

The readership survey also shows that Metro is a go-to in Canada's major cities. In all, 1.8 million people read Metro's newspaper and digital products every day in Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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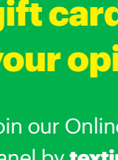

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CATHERINE LITTLE ON TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT SAD STUFF

A horrible car crash. Three sisters killed in a farm accident. The anniversary of the shooting in our nation's capital. These images are seared into our collective memory. The reality is, many children will experience death.

When I was in Grade 10, there was an announcement on the PA system in the middle of English class. A student had died. I remember the teacher was visibly shaken.

What made me think about this more than 30 years later were recent news events. Multiple horrible car crashes. Three sisters killed in a farm accident. The anniversary of shooting in our nation's capital that left a young soldier dead. These deaths were particularly horrific and will be deeply traumatic to many. The images of the dead and grieving seared into our collective memory.

The reality is many children will experience death, sometimes that of a young friend. Occasionally, they learn about these things at school or in the media. Teachers can help, but other significant adults are just as important.

A 2013 paper in the Alberta Journal of Educational Research reported that teachers are uncertain about discussing death in the classroom. And it certainly wasn't covered when I went to teacher's college.

I wish I had been better prepared when one of my students died suddenly a few months into Grade Seven. My principal phoned me at home on a Sunday night so I would know ahead of the PA announcement. It was my first year teaching and I was struggling to get to know almost 200 students. It was her first year at a new school.

Children need to talk about death. Protecting them from what has happened often leaves them feeling alone, even alienated.

Natasha Cirillo, sister of the late Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, comforts the soldier's six-year-old son Marcus during a ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the Oct. 22, 2014 Parliament Hill shooting. Significant adults — parents, teachers, extended family and even coaches — have a responsibility to answer kids' questions about death head-on, writes Catherine Little.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Students and staff were encouraged to attend the funeral, and counselors were available. But we didn't know who would need the most support. Some of the students barely knew who she was. Others were close friends.

Significant adults — parents, guardians, extended family, special teachers and coaches etc. — are vital in these situations. According to the Canadian Virtual Hospice, children need to talk about death. Research shows that honesty is the best course of action. Protecting children from what has happened often leaves them feeling alone, even alienated.

And yes, children can even become deeply affected by a tragic story on the news. Each death will affect each child differently. It helps if there is an adult to start an honest conversation.

It can start very simply with, "I'm really sad that they died. How do you feel?" Acknowledging feelings and leaving an open invitation to talk can make the difference.

The student who died when I was in Grade 10 was my friend Loretta. No one in my high school knew we had been friends since we were six or so. I visited her at home when she got sick. I stood by her hospital bed when we knew the end was near. And yet, I learned about her death like it was a reminder to try out for the volleyball team. Luckily, I had some significant adults in my life. They didn't tell me it was for the best. They listened when I needed to rail against the injustice of it. But mostly, they were there to sit with me when I didn't want to be alone.

Catherine Little is a science and mathematics educator, consultant and writer.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

The complex feminism of the woman trying to clear Ghomeshi's name

It's hard not to admire — even idolize — Marie Henein.

Particularly after you've read the new magazine profile of her.

Until it landed this week in Toronto Life, Henein had been defined in most Canadians' minds as the enigmatic lawyer representing former CBC host Jian Ghomeshi against explosive sexual assault charges.

That made her, to some, an enemy of feminism. To others, it made her not just a boss, but *the* boss. A frighteningly smart, incredibly talented (not to mention impeccably dressed) woman at the very top of criminal defense law in this country. So what if she is defending an alleged predator? Someone's got to.

Now, Henein is allowing us a far more intimate look, from which emerges a far more complex picture. And there are two questions to ask: Why now? And what (or so what) about her feminism?

Described as a shark, a brilliant strategist and incredibly hardworking, Henein also emerges as an astute sculpturer of her own image. There are no missteps, there is always calculation.

Take this comment, which a CBC story attributes to a lecture she gave in 2010:

"The importance of developing your narrative starts from the moment the client walks into your office. It drives everything that you do, your analysis of the law, your comments to the media, your approach with experts and witnesses."

Under that light, I read the article as part of the Ghomeshi saga. After all, Henein hardly needs the media profile — she got that just by taking the case, and her handling of it will speak far more than a magazine piece.

Then there's her feminism.

A criminally low sexual-assault conviction rate in this country won't go away if lawyers like Henein keep doing their best in a system stacked against victims. On the flip side, lawyers should always do their best. Even if that means — as Henein has done in the past — attacking the credibility an alleged victim.

She is undoubtedly a feminist, who rejects the message women have to be perfect to "have it all." She brushes off questions about juggling motherhood and work by telling women to just do it. But that's not the sentiment of someone inclined to prioritize structural inequality in society, or our legal system, over individual agency. Henein's apparent religious devotion to the law seems to supersede her feminism.

We seem to want powerful women to reflect our own brand of feminism. But Henein seems to judge herself on her devotion to upholding the law. It's hardly fair to condemn her for doing exactly that.

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> Smarter than Stallone, younger than Schwarzenegger and with even less hair than Bruce Willis, his appeal transcends his biceps.

Before he was Hollywood's ATM

Vin Diesel is so convinced his new film The Witch Hunter will do well that he announced back in July the studio wants him to commit to a sequel. CONTRIBUTED

VIN DIESEL

Self-directed debut led to Saving Private Ryan role

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Usually the scariest thing about Vin Diesel is the amount of money his movies make. The Fast and Furious franchise has raked in more than $4 billion. Add in revenue from Guardians of the Galaxy and Riddick and you have a truly terrifying amount of money.

In his new film, The Last Witch Hunter, the raspy-voiced actor boasts, "You know what I'm afraid of? Nothing," as he delivers scares playing an immortal warrior who must prevent evil New York witches from destroying the world.

The 48-year-old is so convinced the movie will do well, he's already announced that the studio is developing a sequel.

"The first one doesn't hit theatres until October 23rd," he wrote on Facebook in July, "yet they want me to commit and already block out time to film it."

Before Fast and Furious made him Hollywood's version of an ATM, Diesel made baby steps towards becoming a superstar. Director Steven Spielberg saw Multi-Facial, Diesel's self directed, written, produced and scored über low budget short film and was so taken with the young actor he had the role of Private Caparzo in Saving Private Ryan specially written for him. The result was an effective performance that mixed physicality with poignancy. Winning the role, he says, was "like one of those Hollywood fairy tales that you never believed."

Critics began to take notice. New York Times critic A.O. Scott said he, "may be the sexiest ugly man in movies since Anthony Quinn" as Diesel lent his distinctive gravelly voice to the title character in the animated film The Iron Giant and played streetwise stockbroker Chris Varick in the 2000 stockbroker drama Boiler Room.

His breakout performance came with the sci-fi film Pitch Black. "Richard B. Riddick," he says by way of introduction. "Escaped convict. Murderer." Artificial eyes allow Riddick to see in the dark, making him very useful when bloodthirsty creatures attack during a month-long eclipse. The character became a franchise for the actor, spawning sequels, video games and animated films.

"I know it sounds corny but I feel like I learn about myself when I play that character," said Diesel. "Going to that dark isolated place produces some kind of vision or understanding about myself. He mirrors my own quest for identity, my eternal quest as a child."

Movies like Knockaround Guys and Babylon A.D. played on his tough guy persona, but with The Pacifier he tried to switch from cracking ribs to tickling funny bones. Playing a Navy Seal assigned to protect a house full of out-of-control kids, he attempted to prove he was more than just a muscle mass that got lucky in pictures.

The chaotic comedy made some money, but ultimately proved Diesel's strength lay in muscle, not mayhem.

Since then he has stayed the course, pumping out action-adventure films — including the soon-to-be relaunched xXx— proving himself to be a great action star.

Smarter than Stallone, younger than Schwarzenegger and with even less hair than Bruce Willis, his appeal transcends his biceps, as he also appears to have a brain in his head.

Throw in a large dollop of charisma and look out Jason Statham, you're about to be kick boxed into the old age home.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Last Witch Hunter	★★
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MUSIC MAN

Xavier directs Adele video

Adele has turned to Quebec filmmaker Xavier Dolan to direct the first music video from her much-anticipated new album, 25.

The superstar singer-songwriter is set to release her new song Hello on Friday, when the video will also land.

Her label XL Recordings says it was shot in the countryside surrounding Montreal.

Adele's album, 25, is due Nov. 20.

Dolan is the celebrated phenom behind French-language films including Mommy and Tom at the Farm.

His upcoming big-screen plans include a French-language feature starring Marion Cotillard called It's Only the End of the World and his first English-language project, The Life and Death of John F. Donovan, starring Kit Harington and Jessica Chastain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

'I don't want my restaurant to be a place where you come and eat. We should be dealing in culinary orgasms.'

When it comes to watching our livelihoods being acted out on the big screen, there's pleasure in seeing what Hollywood gets right, and wrong. Journalists fixate on newsroom dramas, Classics majors love to hate sword-and-sandal movies and chefs adore films where food factors large: They have cult favourites like Big Night, Babette's Feast and Tampopo. But in recent years, movies like I Am Love, starring Tilda Swinton, and Eat Pray Love have taken food styling to the next level: one that leaves the audience drooling and on the edge of ecstasy.

It's called food porn.

Judging from the trailer, Burnt, which opens in select theatres on Friday, is not only a tale of redemption but a movie that will leave food lovers quivering. Bradley Cooper stars as chef Adam Jones, a former bad-boy chef hungry for a third Michelin star. So he assembles a dream team to open up the best restaurant in the world. "I don't want my restaurant to be a place where you come and eat," he tells fellow chef Helena, played by Sienna Miller, as she effortlessly churns out fresh ropes of linguine. "We should be dealing in culinary orgasms."

Cooper researched his role by spending time with three professionals, including Gordon Ramsay and his former mentor Marco Pierre White, who was the first British chef to be awarded three Michelin stars and, at the time, the youngest. But real life was just as instructional: "The thing that really paid off was the fact that I'd been doing research since I was a kid, working in restaurants," Cooper said in a recent interview.

THE MOVIE: Burnt

THE MEAL: A fagiolo

I never cooked during my decade-long tenure at an Italian restaurant. But I washed dishes, bussed tables, served food, recommended wine, expedited the pass and managed the front of house. I don't miss the hours — long nights and early mornings — but I miss the verve of restaurant life; the hustle and those moments when you lift your head from the chaotic multi-tasking and everything is swinging, just right.

It was an education, too. I learned that the best tomato sauce is essentially just really good tomatoes; that Italians don't put chicken on pizza, and green peppers are an anomaly in their kitchens. I learned classic combinations that allowed me to experiment with great success at home: think sausage and rapini; prosciutto and figs; good, extra virgin olive oil on everything.

This wasn't Michelin-starred cooking. Most dishes had five ingredients. Take the a fagiolo: red kidney beans, Italian tuna, tomatoes, red onion and fresh basil served over greens, which has become a dinnertime staple at home. Yes, I roll my eyes too when people talk about salads for dinner. But this salad satisfies — especially when served with good bread.

When I made it the other night for dinner, Simon swooned. He could, however, do without my overly affected Italian pronunciation of the dish. But I'd wager no one will protest Bradley Cooper's speaking French in Burnt. Cue the quivering.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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The Paranormal Activity series grows with this fifth entry from Paramount Pictures.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED
Audience: +82%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

The Last Witch Hunter

Director: Breck Eisner
Starring: Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood, Rose Leslie

The modern world holds many secrets, but the most astounding secret of all is that witches still live amongst us; vicious supernatural creatures intent on unleashing the Black Death upon the world.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 21%
Audience: +96%

DRAMA

Rock the Kasbah

Director: Barry Levinson
Starring: Bill Murray, Scott Caan, Bruce Willis

Rock the Kasbah is the story of "Richie Vance," a has-been rock manager who takes his last remaining client on a USO tour of Afghanistan. When Richie finds himself in Kabul, abandoned, he discovers a young girl with an extraordinary voice.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 10%
Audience: +92%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Jem and the Holograms

Director: Jon M. Chu
Starring: Aubrey Peeples, Stefanie Scott

Jem and the Holograms rock their way to the big screen in this live-action adaptation of he popular 1980s cartoon. Nashville star Aubrey Peeples takes front stage as Jerrica Benton (a.k.a. Jem).

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED
Audience: +74%

HORROR

A Christmas Horror Story

Director: Grant Harvey, Steven Hoban, Brett Sullivan
Starring: George Buza, Zoé de Grand'Maison

It's the season of joy, peace, and goodwill... unless you live in Bailey Downs. Last Christmas Eve, two teens came to a grisly end in a school basement. Now, one year later, a new set of horrors has come to town.

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Ode to an obscure English music scene

INTERVIEW

Northern Soul is a sleeper hit about a 1970s cultural anomaly

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

There was glam rock. There was new wave. And who could forget disco. But there is one 1970's musical movement that you may not have heard of — northern soul.

Captured in the new film Northern Soul, the cultural movement briefly emerged in a distinct part of Britain and it consisted of particular dance moves and a penchant for obscure American soul music.

Photographer-turned-filmmaker Elaine Constantine has such fond memories of being a part those dance-hall days, she spent 15 years making a drama about coming-of-age in the midst of that northern English scene.

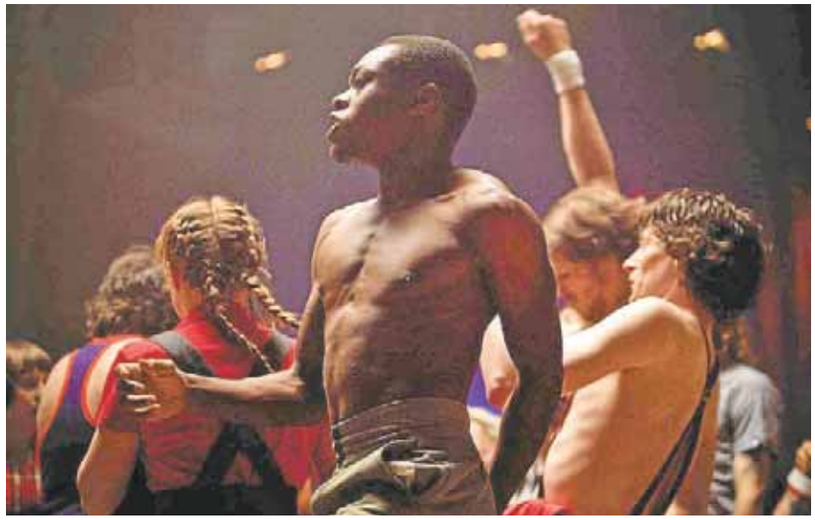
"Whenever I wasn't shooting photographs or in the lab, I was writing this film and trying to get it produced," admitted Constantine recently about the inspired narrative of two teens discovering the scene.

"Everything that happened has happened to someone at some point that I know and the actual characters all exist — they're all real people (so) they kind of wrote themselves in a way."

Over those years, Constantine slowly accumulated funds, found her cast and taught hundreds of extras specific dance moves ("we were training those kids for three or four years") but once she completed her project, she was disappointed to discover her efforts would only be seen on a handful of screens across the U.K.

"We put the message out to all the fans who had been following the film's progress and said demand your local cinema puts it on," said Constantine, whose followers were obviously eager.

"Within two weeks we had 125 cinemas confirmed and a lot of them had even bumped off their Disney films."



It took three to four years to teach hundreds of extras the dance moves for Northern Soul.
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As a result, Northern Soul became a hit at the U.K. box office and has since been impressing moviegoers and critics with its heartwarming nostalgia and eye-opening thesis that the northern soul movement marks the origin of today's massive DJ culture — a genre that has seen the rise of such superstars as Deadmau5 and Tiësto.

As exemplified in Northern Soul, the DJs that spun these obscure soul records became de facto celebrities simply because they withheld the identity of the artists behind the music they spun.

"These (musicians) who were making these records had no idea they were even famous," she says.

"(All) you knew was whoever made this record, they were singing from the heart, they're singing truthful, emotional lyrics. The way they sang when they delivered those lyrics, I believed them."

Northern Soul is playing at the Carlton Cinema and is available on iTunes and VOD.

A LOST LEGACY

Artists never knew their reach in the U.K.

Constantine's affection for the era is bittersweet. After all, she recently met a destitute, former-soul singer named Darrow Fletcher that only discovered his popularity after being invited to the U.K. for a northern soul event.

"He could hardly get on the stage he was so unwell but he was overwhelmed by the effect his music had had on these people," said Constantine. "That moment seeing his legacy in the U.K. was wonderful."

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Aaron Sorkin turns fact into fiction

INTERVIEW

Writer behind Steve Jobs film defends his creative liberties

Aaron Sorkin will remind you that he is a writer when talking about his latest film, Steve Jobs.

As such, the dialogue-heavy account of the late Apple co-founder's life contains obvious fabrications in service of a larger truth.

It's centred on a series of verbal smackdowns between Jobs and various members of his inner circle, with Michael Fassbender starring as the tyrannical genius, Seth Rogen as co-founder/friend Steve (Woz) Wozniak and Kate Winslet as former Macintosh marketing chief Joanna Hoffman.

In the face of ardent critics — including Jobs's widow Laurene, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Apple's head of design and close friend Jony Ive — Sorkin has insisted this is "a painting, not a photograph."

"I would describe almost all non-fiction movies that way. But this one in particular," the screenwriter says in a recent visit to Toronto to discuss the film, which largely steers clear of impersonations and familiar catchphrases.

"And that's not to say I've changed any biographical facts about Steve Jobs. Here's what I've done: Steve did not have confrontations with the same five people 40 minutes before every product launch that he did. That's a writer's conceit and it announces itself pretty early on as one. The content of those confrontations, those are real."

If people are looking for a journalistic account, Sorkin encourages them to check out Walter Isaacson's exhaustive biography.

"The Santa Fe Opera just commissioned an opera about Steve Jobs that'll be out in 2017 — I wonder if people are going to be going around saying, 'Now, wait a second. Was Steve really a tenor in real life?"'

Here Sorkin talks about condensing a life and dealing with critics.

Michael Fassbender plays the titular role in Steve Jobs, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

The construct employed here is obvious. But people who were close to Jobs seem to be upset that softer elements of the man they knew are not presented as they'd like.

The people I think you're talking about — Mrs. Jobs, Tim Cook the CEO of Apple, Jony Ive — haven't seen the movie. So they wouldn't know what's in the movie. I think they're reacting to Walter's book and they don't know what's in the movie. The people who knew Steve well who have seen the movie (including) Woz ... have reacted very positively to it and feel that Steve was captured. So I would just ask that judgment be reserved until you've seen the movie.

It is the movie you set out to make.

I'm really proud of everything that I've written — and that said, there isn't anything that I've written that I wouldn't mind having back and doing it again. And the same is true for this movie, for Steve Jobs, but not because of anything anyone has said.... It's a little surprising that there are certain things which in 2015 are coming up with very sophisticated audiences. For instance, take a movie like The Queen — no one thinks that Peter Morgan, the writer of The Queen, was actually in Balmoral Castle when these discussions were going on.... Writers are going to invent dialogue because people don't speak in dialogue and people's lives don't unfold in a series of scenes that form a narrative arc.

Seth Rogen will surprise his comedy fans for showing a lot of emotion as Woz.

He's fantastic in this movie. I think I'm right that we didn't discuss any other actor but Seth. Someone who can do comedy as honestly and intelligently as Seth does, there's really no worry in your mind that they're going to be able to do this material. You'd worry, 'Is someone able to be funny?' but you wouldn't worry going the other way. I never had a concern about Seth being able to handle this material. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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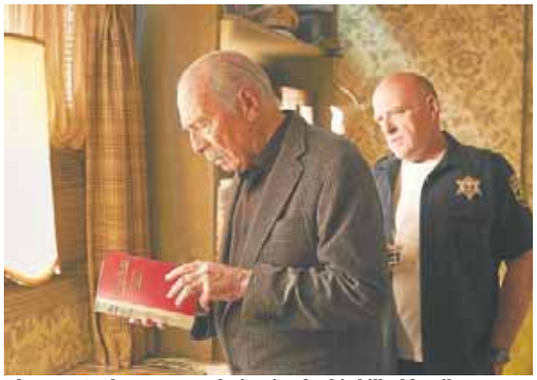
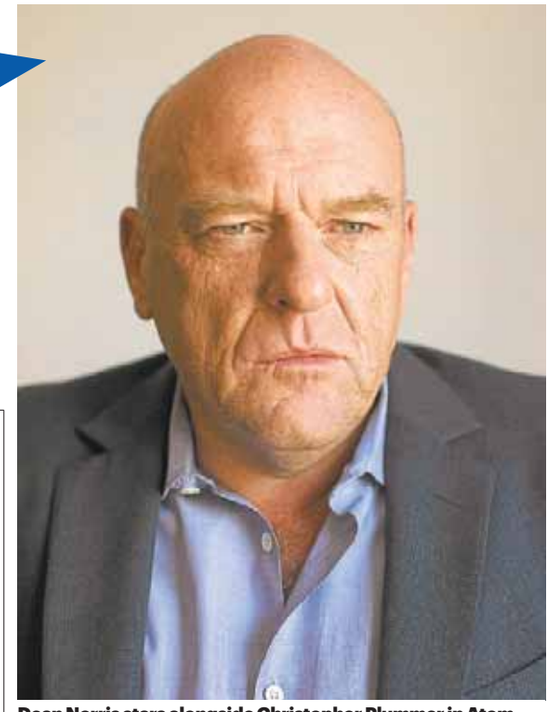


Plummer's character seeks justice for his killed family. HANDOUT

"It's a memory I'll have for the rest of my life. I got to do a scene with him and it was a crazy, intense, awesome scene."
Actor Dean Norris on working with Christopher Plummer



Dean Norris stars alongside Christopher Plummer in Atom Egoyan's latest film, Remember. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Actor meets the master

ATOM EGOYAN FILM

Dean Norris is not simply another cop in Remember

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Dean Norris is best known for portraying police officers. "I play DEA, CIA, FBI, LAPD; I got 'em all," he once said. He became instantly recognizable to a generation of TV fans as the boisterous DEA agent Hank Schrader on Breaking Bad, and in his new film he's once again playing a cop, but with a twist.

"You almost feel sorry for him," says Norris, "until you realize who he is."

The film is Remember, a road movie of sorts. Christopher Plummer plays Zev, a man on a journey to justice, a quest to find the Nazi guard who killed his family 70 years before. Along the way he meets Norris as Officer Kurlander, a sad and lonely man with a connection to one of Zev's suspects.

Their explosive meeting is difficult to discuss without giving away a plot point, but suffice to say Norris reveals when he had a chance to watch it he did so with his hands covering his face.

"We had three cameras going and I was like, 'Just run them and let me hit it,'" says the fifty-two-year-old actor. "It was one of the few times where I almost felt out of body. You know when you see red and get kind of blinded? I'm not even sure what I said some of the time."

Norris credits his director and co-star with making the five-day filming of the wild sequence possible.

"(Atom Egoyan) does what the good directors do," he says, "and makes a comfortable space for you to play in and feel safe, which was important on this damn thing because it is so crazy. You want to feel safe to be able to go to wherever you have to go to, and I did with him."

Norris describes Plummer as one of the greats. "It was like working with Laurence Olivier."

"It was a pleasure to watch him," he says. "There would be moments where I'd be in the scene and saying to myself, 'I'm looking into the eyes of a man who has been in these scenes for decades. Been in the moment with unbelievable people in unbelievable movies.' It's like I wanted that to seep into me. Steal his essence.

"It's a memory I'll have for the rest of my life."

Meet the James Bond of journalism

UNDERCOVER

Anas Aremyaw Anas is known for his elaborate disguises used to uncover cases of corruption. While Mullins "didn't get to use a lot of them in the story line," he says a few favourites do pop up.

The Rock
"Obviously the disguise as a rock is a great one," says Mullins. What's basically two eyeholes cut into a giant paper bag was efficient enough to observe trucks smuggling cocoa beans cross-border in 2010.

The Mental Patient
For seven months, Anas posed as a mental patient. He exposed abuse, corruption and even a neglected body in the late stages of decay in a Ghanaian psychiatric hospital.

The Cop
Using cheap prosthetics and a walkie-talkie, Anas once dressed as an officer to catch corrupt customs officials at Ghana's largest seaport leading to the recovery of $200 million in smuggled funds.

DOCUMENTARY

Vigilante reporter walks ethical line with covert tactics

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Anas Aremeyaw Anas is one compelling news reporter. Not only has the young investigator been labelled the "James Bond of Ghanaian journalism" but he has exposed sex-trafficking rings and uncovered human rights violations by going undercover using unorthodox costumes that include everything from posing as a brothel janitor to a sheik and even a rock.

As uncovered in the new documentary Chameleon, Anas's provocative work as editor of the New Crusading Guide has gained notoriety in Africa and even a mention on the world stage by President Barack Obama. But Anas is still largely unknown — mainly because he hides his identity to ensure the secrecy of his investigative stings.

"A mutual friend of ours sent me this article about Anas in Atlantic Magazine and it was just incredible," admitted filmmaker Ryan Mullins about how he discovered Anas. "I thought, this has to be my next story."

The Montreal-based director decided to craft an on-the-ground exposé of Anas' work. Through a mutual friend, Mullins easily located the disguised detective. But persuading the ever-elusive crusader to allow him to hang around while he cracked cases of corruption in the West African nation wasn't quite as simple.

"I'm naturally a very cautious person so I needed to think through it," explained Anas, adding he even did a thorough background check on Mullins before agreeing to make the movie. "The bigger picture was what I wanted to see or propagate (in the film) so that people can understand the type of journalism I do and how I do it (and) I felt that a film like this was going to help do that."

In a sense, Anas used the opportunity to help disseminate his crusade to "name, shame and jail" those accused of misdeeds in Africa. But Mullins was soon surprised to find larger issues plaguing the reporter's stealthy activism.

"At first I was just drawn to this larger-than-life story," said Mullins. "But gradually as time passed and some of the cases got a little more complicated, you can see the thought process going on — sometimes the lines that were being crossed. Was Anas a journalist? Was he a vigilante?"

It's just those ethical issues that elevate Chameleon from being an amusing documentary about an oddball character to an astonishing examination about the ethical boundary between journalism and activism. As the film points out, Anas "works directly with law enforcement to ensure that justice is carried out effectively" — not exactly non-partisan reportage.

While that grey area of his work may be controversial to many, Anas would be first to say it's an area that is clearly worth pursuing.

"I don't mind any tag that I'm given," said Anas. "If you call me a spy, I'll take it. If you call me a journalist, I'll take it. The key thing is, if journalism is about doing what benefits society, then I will call myself a journalist. The end (result) is most important — if it benefits society."

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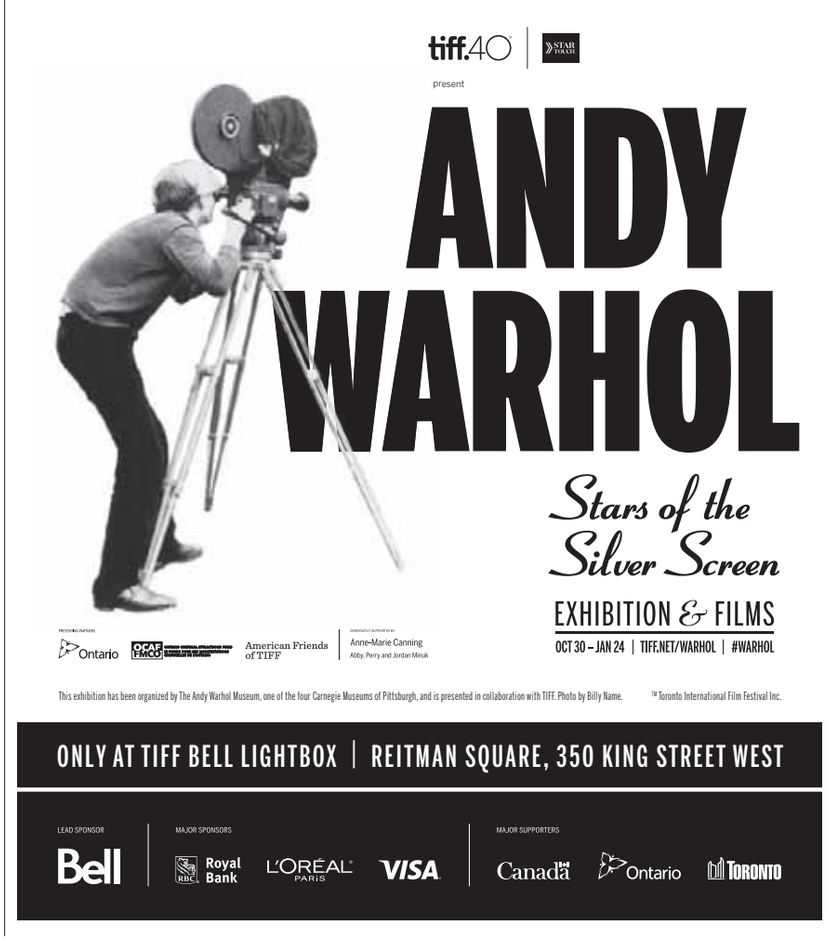
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5 BOOKS IF YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF BASEBALL

If there was ever a time to venture into the sports genre, this is it. One in four Canadians tuned in to some part of Game 5 last week when the Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers. Now, even more is at stake as Toronto attempts to avoid elimination and advance to the World Series for the first time since 1993. From historical to analytical, biographical to fiction, baseball literature — like the games themselves — can capture the imagination of anyone. Metro looks at five recent books if you want even more baseball before Friday's important game

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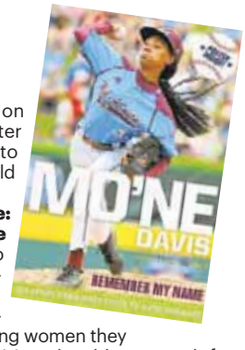
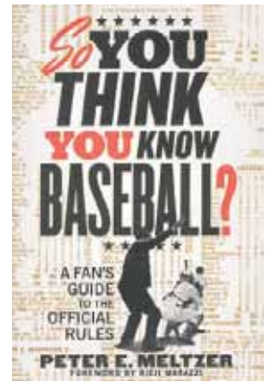
The game changer



At 13 years old, Mo'ne Davis was on the cover of Sports Illustrated after becoming the first female pitcher to win a game in the Little League World Series. In her autobiography **Mo'ne Davis: Remember My Name: My Story from First Pitch to Game Changer**, she covers learning to play baseball with the boys in Philadelphia to her rise to stardom on a national stage. Davis breaks long-held stereotypes and proves to young women they need not be relegated to softball. It's an inspiring memoir for young readers and adults alike.



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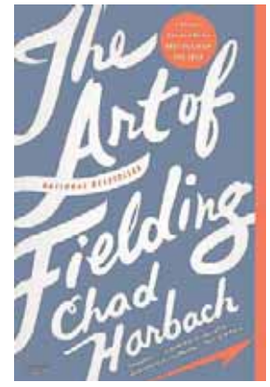
The rules

Baseball is known — heck, even loved — for its complex rules and statistics. Reading the game's official rulebook would be beyond tedious for even the most hardcore fanatic. **So You Think You Know Baseball: A Fan's Guide to the Official Rules** by Peter E. Meltzer uses real-life situations and commentary to explain both the obvious and ambiguous aspects of the game.



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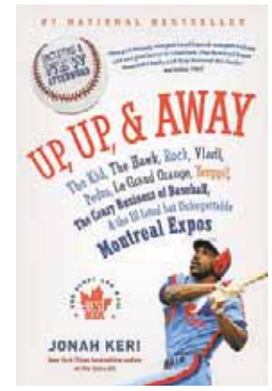
The mental game

The Art of Fielding: A Novel by Chad Harbach doesn't require the reader to have a heavy understanding of the game. The book focuses on a fictitious small liberal arts college baseball team. The protagonist — an undersized athlete with an unusual gift for fielding — is approaching a record for errorless games until things go awry. Now struggling with the mental aspect of the game, he faces an existential crisis.



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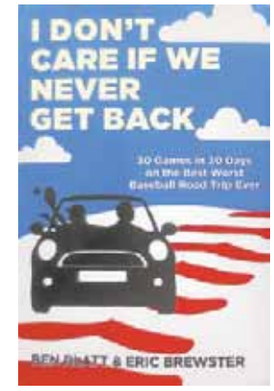
The Expos-é

It's been more than 10 years since the Expos were relocated to Washington D.C. to become the Nationals, but the memories remain for fans in Quebec and beyond. In **Up, Up, and Away: The Kid, the Hawk, Rock, Vladi, Pedro, le Grand Orange, Youppi!, the Crazy Business of Baseball, and the Ill-fated but Unforgettable Montreal Expos**, Jonah Keri speaks to just about everyone involved with the team — from fans, players and executives. From the early years, to the strike-shortened team of 1994, to the ownership that allowed the team to be moved, Up, Up, and Away is the definitive history of Canada's first major league baseball team.



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The road trip

Best friends Ben Blatt and Eric Brewster set out on the impossible task of visiting all 30 baseball stadiums in 30 days. Part story of baseball fandom and part road trip logistics, **I Don't Care if We Never Get Back: 30 Games in 30 Days on the Best Worst Baseball Road Trip Ever** is a story of friendship, and how it is tested and endures through the many challenges along the way. It's an entertaining look at what will remain only a dream for many fans of the game.

INTERVIEW

Lenny Abrahamson thinks inside the box with The Room

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

At first glance, filmmaker Lenny Abrahamson's current and previous work seems quite different. Frank is a film about a band fronted by a singer (Michael Fassbender) who wears a papier-mache head. And Room is about a mother (Brie Larson) and son (Jacob Tremblay) who have been held captive for seven years.

Yet both movies concern people trapped in tiny little worlds who nudge their way out into the open. Room, which won the coveted People's Choice Award at Toronto (especially for its lead performances), could have been a brutal and grueling watch but it's told from the boy's perspective, not fully aware of the horrors that are going on.

Shooting in close quarters and finding ways to keep it visually diverse must have been difficult.

We took out little parts of the wall. It was really well designed so we could move around easily. We would talk about having the minimum amount of hassle with the maximum flexibility in shooting. You could shoot a lot of different things in close-up, so you can fill the frame with the boy's face or some detail of the room. You actually had a huge amount of visual freedom. We were trying to get inside his head in a subtle way, without using obvious heightened techniques. We were trying to show that this small space can be a whole world. When you go back to it at the end, you see it in a colder way than before. It was kind of amazing: it's small but it felt quite full and rich, and it's just this tiny little box.

There are a number of films that make use of limited space.

Compared to something like Buried, we had loads of options. We had different parts of the room. We had three light sources which could create different moods. What we were trying to do was not make shooting in a small space feel like this thing. With Buried, it's like, "Whoa, they made a story work in a coffin!"

I wanted people to disappear into the richness of the story and for us to make it less intrusive. The amazing thing is you have the book, which is a first-person narrator. You lose that. So you think, "How do you keep with him?" The answer is you have his face, which is something you don't have in a piece of literature. The human face is something you can look at for a long time without getting bored.

When they finally escape and have to adjust to the real world, is very different visually. What was your approach?

You've held people in this room for so long. You're with the actors. When you come out you put a wide shot on that garden and you allow the actors to do the work and you build up a soundtrack that's way more three-dimensional and rich. You have to trust that a certain amount of that discovery will come from just that. You don't need to go crazy.

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1 The Adventurer

In the middle of the ocean, look for Nemo and bump into giant sea turtles as you explore the depths of the Great Barrier Reef. The three-day trip with ProDive Cairns features 11 dives and is perfect for avid divers or beginners (about $700 for three days, more for a beginner's course). Stay in cosy cabins, chatting with travellers from around the world, and devour delicious meals that are prepared by the ship's cook. The two night dives add an extra thrill as you plunge into pitch-black water and swim alongside whitetip reef sharks. Make sure to pack anti-nausea pills as the three-hour ride into the middle of the Pacific Ocean can be choppy. (prodivecairns.com)

2 The Trendy Connoisseur

Sip on exotic wines made from mango, lychee or passion fruit at Shannonvale winery. About an hour drive from Cairns, the sprawling organic tropical orchard produces 12 different types of wine and port, many award-winning, priced at $25 a bottle. Since grapes don't fare well in Northern Australia, wine lovers Tony and Trudie Woodall decided to make table wines from something different. The easy-to-drink passion fruit wine is perfect for summer, while the medium-bodied ginger-based wine complements Asian dishes. (shannonvalewine.com.au)

3 The Eco Lover

Unwind inside a luxurious tree house to a symphony of birds, frogs and waterfalls at Daintree Ecolodge and Spa (rooms starts at $330 a night). This 32-acre property is dotted with wild orchids and papaya trees, and lies within the lush Daintree Rainforest. Take a boat tour at dawn down the Daintree River to spot saltwater crocodiles as long as six feet, but make sure to keep your eyes peeled for tiny colourful kingfishers that dart by. A 15-minute hike through woods sacred to the Kuku Yalanji tribe will lead you to Tranquil Falls, where you can cool off in the stream. Before indulging in contemporary Australian dishes of battered coral trout and grilled barramundi, relax at the retreat's spa. Try the Walbul-Walbul massage with local aromatic oils, mud and rainforest water for a head-to-toe experience. (daintree-ecolodge.com.au)

4 The Culture Seeker

A jam-packed tour takes you about 330 metres above sea level through the rugged Queensland mountains on century-old railcars to Kuranda village. Take in the scenic waterfalls and valleys as you learn about the country's first settlers and gold rush. Dine on kangaroo meat before being whisked off to see Pamagirri tribe members show off their spear-hunting skills and musical forte on a hollowed-out log called the didgeridoo. After a traditional dance performance, you can pet kangaroos and kolas, and get up close to the hyperactive Tasmanian devil. Finally, wind through trees and rivers on a six-wheel amphibious army truck as a knowledgeable guide explains the area's flora and fauna. (capta.com.au)

The world is not enough

If you think you've seen a lot of the world, consider James Bond. Everyone's favourite movie spy has visited nearly 50 countries and every continent over the course of his long and adventurous career. He's even been to outer space. His latest movie, Spectre, takes him back to Mexico City, among other places, and brings him into contact with his arch-nemesis Blofeld. In honour of the upcoming release, we've chosen five epic travel destinations that Bond has visited and so can you. **MARK STACHIEW** FOR METRO

1 Jamaica

The first assignment of Sean Connery's Bond in Dr. No brought him to Jamaica, which happens to be where series creator Ian Fleming wrote all of his Bond novels. His Goldeneye villa is now part of a hotel of the same name. Your visit should take you to the beach at Dunn's River Falls, where an appreciative Bond watched Honey Ryder, played by Ursula Andress, emerge from the sea. Be sure to pack your white bikini.

2 Schilthorn, Switzerland

Britain's super-spy spends a lot of time on skis as many of his adventures take him to the European Alps. Some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the series is set atop the Schilthorn in Switzerland as seen in On Her Majesty's Secret Service, George Lazenby's only Bond movie. Visitors can dine at the Piz Gloria, a revolving restaurant on the summit, which was completed thanks to financing from the movie's producers.

3 Luxor, Egypt

Roger Moore's Bond amassed a ton of frequent-flyer miles as he criss-crossed the globe chasing villains in a series of exotic locales, including the awe-inspiring, ancient Karnak temple at Luxor in Egypt. While there, he battled his metal-mouthed foe, Jaws. You won't have to worry about Jaws if you go, but some travellers are skipping Egypt these days because of terrorism fears, real or imagined. Bond laughs at terrorists.

4 Monaco

Put on your tuxedo and brush up on your baccarat skills at the Casino de Monte Carlo in Monaco, and hope that you are as lucky at gambling as Pierce Brosnan's Bond was in Goldeneye. If you're bad at cards, you can always play the slot machines, which somehow seem out of place here.

5 Siena, Italy

The biannual Palio de Siena serves as a backdrop while Daniel Craig's Bond chases a bad guy on the town's cobbled roofs in Quantum of Solace. The colourful race pits riders from different wards of the Tuscan town against each other for nothing more than a painted banner, but winning it can prompt months of celebration in that ward.

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Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Planning to hit the slopes this winter? Here are some tips to make the most out of this year's ski season.

Book now

The clock is running out on early booking deals. Destinations like Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Kimberley Alpine Resort located in British Columbia's interior are offering two nights free when you book five or more nights, the fifth day on the mountain free and free skiing for kids if you book by Nov. 30.

Pick a place that suits your style

The ski resorts in Alberta's national parks offer untouched beauty. In British Columbia you will find great ski-in/ski-out options like Kelowna's Silver Star Resort or Sun Peaks in Kamloops. For a mix of culture and ski consider spending your days on the slopes of Le Massif or Mt. Ste. Anne while you spend your nights in charming Quebec City.

Hotel or condo?

If you stay in a hotel where you can't cook your own meals, pick a destination with a variety of dining options. If you don't mind the cooking and cleaning, book a condo with kitchenette and inquire about food delivery options. Some of the resorts like Big White near Kelowna have arrangements with local grocery stores to deliver food to your condo. They can have it waiting for you when you arrive, saving you the need of a rental car.

Embrace technology

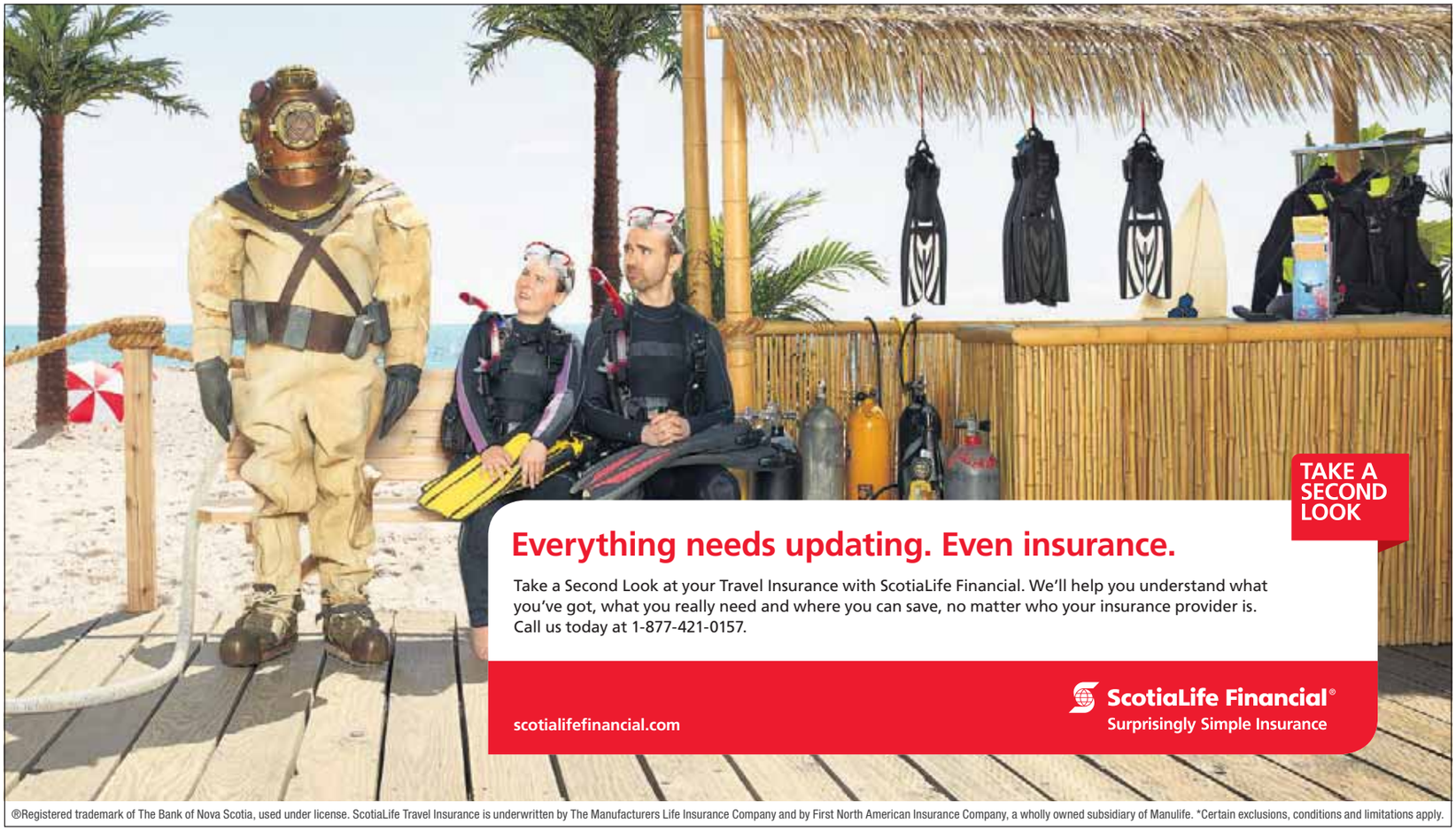
Resorts across Canada are using the Flaik GPS system for children's ski lessons. It not only tracks kids all over the mountain, but shares stats with parents, including the trails their kids traversed, how much vertical they skied or boarded and their average speed.

Want to scratch heli-skiing off your bucket list?

Nonstop Ski and Snowboard's Ready to Heli program is a great option for skiers who may be nervous about their ability to ski in powder or off-piste. The package includes three days of coaching at B.C.'s Fernie Alpine Resort, a day of cat-skiing and has you graduate to a day of heli-skiing in the Purcell Mountains at the end of the week.

What about the non-skier in the family?

The fastest-growing winter activity for non- skiers is fat-biking. Monster tires and low gearing mean biking in snow is easy for both first-timers and seasoned cyclists. Many spots across the country including smaller resorts like Ontario's Horseshoe Resort now offer groomed trails for fatbikers.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Jays' season on line, but it's been a comeback year

GAME 6 PREVIEW

Must beat Royals twice in K.C. to reach World Series

The Kansas City Royals have established a reputation for dramatic post-season comebacks the past couple of years, beginning with last season's wild-card victory over Oakland.

Turns out, the Toronto Blue Jays have some never-say-quit spirit as well.

After going on a second-half run to make the playoffs, then rallying from a 2-0 deficit to defeat Texas in a best-of-five matchup, the Blue Jays will try to beat the Royals in another win-or-else situation in Game 6 of the AL Championship Series on Friday night.

Toronto forced the series back to Kansas City with a 7-1 rout on Wednesday, closing to 3-2.

"You look at all the elimination games, our offence has really come to life," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Thursday. "We've said all along that's the key to our team, scoring runs. You hate to make a habit of it, but maybe we can pull it off again."

David Price will take the mound for the Blue Jays after his collapse in the series opener, when he tossed six shutout innings and then surrendered five runs in the seventh.

David Price smiles Thursday during a news conference at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, but he'll get serious Friday when he starts Game 6 of the ALCS. ORLIN WAGNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yordano Ventura will oppose him for Kansas City. He was only marginally better, allowing three runs and eight hits in 5-1/3 innings before watching the comeback win from the dugout.

"I'm very fortunate and happy that this game has landed on my turn, here in Kansas City, and with the opportunity to take this club to the World Series," Ventura said through catching coach Pedro Grifol, acting as a translator. "I'll be ready for this game."

The Blue Jays promise they will be, too. Toronto lost the first two games against the Rangers at home, then won three straight with its season hanging in the balance. The first two were at Texas, and the last at Rogers Centre, but none of the victories was even close — all by at least three runs.

The Blue Jays lost the first two games in Kansas City, too. But in Game 3 in Toronto, the hosts overcame a 1-0 deficit and rolled to an 11-8 victory.

"We've been through a bunch of hurdles all year," Blue Jays outfielder Chris Colabello said. "We were 7-1/2 games (back) at the deadlines. ... We had to claw back from that. We were down two games back in the division series and we clawed back from that. I'll tell you what, we're going to leave everything we have out there."

They may have to do just that. While the Blue Jays have won four straight elimination games, the Royals are 6-2 in their last eight post-season games at Kauffman Stadium.

Make no mistake, either: The ballpark matters in this series. While the homer-happy Blue Jays were built with the small dimensions of Rogers Centre in mind, the speedy, defensive-minded Royals were built for their home park.

Not surprisingly, the Blue Jays failed to homer in the first two games of the ALCS in Kansas City, but hit four long balls in Toronto, including three in Game 3.

"Nothing but positivity. We've got a 3-2 lead and we're heading back to Kansas City," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said before arriving home. "That's where we play our best baseball, so everyone is still feeling pretty good about the series."

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PRICE STARTS

David Price is ready to prove his critics wrong.

The Blue Jays ace gets the start in Game 6 on Friday with his team's season on the line. Price has dominated in the regular season throughout his eight-year career, but he's never won as a starter in the playoffs.

"I have to prove that I can pitch at this point in the season in the playoffs," he said Thursday. "I get that. But I don't have to go out there and prove that I'm a good pitcher. I think I've done that over my career."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets are Amazin' thanks to Murphy

In the 1960s, the idea of the Mets winning a World Series was as farfetched as man walking on the moon. Just 88 days after Neil Armstrong took his giant leap, the Amazin's were champions.

Now Tyler Clippard is convinced an extraterrestrial has led the Mets back to the Fall Classic.

"He's not human. He's not on this planet right now," Clippard said about Daniel Murphy. "Another life form jumped into his body."

Heading into a World Series matchup that opens in Kansas City or Toronto on Tuesday, it seems as if it is in the stars whenever the Mets are successful.

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In 1969, there were hard-to-fathom catches by Tommy Agee and Ron Swoboda in the Series against Baltimore. Cleon Jones reached first base on a hit batsman call during a Game 5 rally when manager Gil Hodges showed a ball with shoe polish to an umpire.

In 1986, there was Mookie Wilson's grounder that went through Bill Buckner's legs at first base to cap a three-run, 10th-inning rally in Game 6 against Boston. The Mets were twice down to their final strike.

Now there's Murphy, who has seven home runs in nine playoff games, setting a major league record by going deep in each of his last six. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE END GAME

Jays sell out World Series games — if they make it

The Toronto Blue Jays are not yet in the World Series, but their fans are ready if they make it.

Blue Jays tickets for the World Series went on sale to the general public on Thursday morning and sold out within 45 minutes.

Toronto trails the Kansas City Royals 3-2 in the best-of-seven ALCS.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

The summer game moves into frigid fall temperatures

Joe Maddon walked to the mound in a ski cap. Yoenis Cespedes wore a balaclava. As baseball's post-season keeps getting longer, the Boys of Summer are starting to resemble skiers on a lift line.

"This weather is not for me," Cubs infielder Javier Baez said. "I'm from Puerto Rico, and you know how the weather is in the island — it's hot all year long."

It was 9 C when the NL Championship Series opener began at New York's Citi Field last weekend and 7 C for the start of Game 2. The teams did get a break with a 22 C night at Chicago's Wrigley Field for Game 4 on Wednesday.

"Baseball is a warm weather sport. Guys like to sweat," Jays manager John Gibbons said.

Before the start of the League Championship Series in 1969, the World Series ended by Oct. 16 each year except for 1910, when the NL attempted to expand the regular season from 154 to 168 games before backing off, and 1911, when there were six days off between Games 3 and 4 because of rain.

Expanded playoffs and television have extended the schedule, with the Division Series round starting in 1995 and a one-game wild-card matchup added for 2012. Game 7 this year is scheduled for Nov. 4, which would match 2009 for the latest date a World Series game has been played.

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New York Mets fan David Anaya tries to keep warm Oct. 18 before Game 2 of the NLCS. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

MLB IN BRIEF

Mattingly and Dodgers mutually agree to part ways

Don Mattingly won't return as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers next year after he and the front office mutually agreed it was time for a fresh start.

Mattingly said Thursday in a statement distributed by the team that it's "the right time and right move for both parties."

Los Angeles was 446-363 under Mattingly, finishing with a winning record in every season and claiming the last three NL West titles. But the Dodgers have not reached the World Series since winning the championship in 1988. The 54-year-old former Yankees star ranks sixth in wins among Dodgers managers.

Mattingly says "we all felt that a fresh start would be good for both the organization and me."

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Red Sox manager Farrell's cancer in remission

The Boston Red Sox say manager John Farrell's cancer is in remission.

Boston said Farrell had his post-treatment testing and learned on Thursday that his non-Hodgkins lymphoma was in remission. Farrell says he's thankful for the support he's received. Red Sox president Dave Dombrowski says the team looks forward to having him back.

Farrell was diagnosed with cancer in August and missed the last six weeks of the season. Bench coach Torey Lovullo took over for him temporarily. The Red Sox went 28-20 under Lovullo but couldn't avoid their third last-place finish in four seasons.

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Argonauts' Elliott back to face Montreal

CFL PREVIEWS

While Jennings and Mathews face off when Ticats visit B.C.

Argonauts receiver Kevin Elliott celebrating a touchdown. CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Kevin Elliott is thankful to be back playing football.

The lanky receiver returns to the Toronto Argonauts' lineup Friday night when they face the Montreal Alouettes at Tim Hortons Field. Elliott missed last weekend's 27-15 loss there to the Calgary Stampeders following the death of his maternal grandmother, Madear.

"I missed my guys, I feel good being back up here," Elliott said following Thursday's practice. "It was good for me to go back home and be with my mom. "It's always tough because we play football and we want to play in the game but coach Milanovich told me to go home because family always comes first."

There was no question in Milanovich's mind about what Elliott had to do.

"It was important he be there, he needed to be there," he said.

Elliott has been a big-play receiver in his first season with Toronto. The six-foot-three, 205-pound native of Fayetteville, N.C., has 42 catches for 551 yards but his eight TD grabs leave him tied for third overall among CFL receivers, just two behind teammate and league leader Tori Gurley.

"He's a big part of our offence," Argos quarterback Trevor Harris said.

Toronto's final opponents — Montreal, B.C. and Winnipeg — all have losing records and the Argos have beat each one this season. Toronto is tied with Ottawa (9-6) for second in the East. To finish first, the Argos must win out and have Hamilton (10-5) lost two of their final three because the Tiger-Cats won the season series, which will determine the standings in the event of a tie.

Meanwhile, quarterbacks Jonathon Jennings and Jeff Mathews — who first met while trying out for the Green Bay Packers in 2014 — will have a chance to get reacquainted on Friday night when Jennings and his B.C. Lions host Mathews and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

"He's a great guy, a great talent," Jennings said of Mathews. "He's a good dude. It's exciting watching him play."

The young QBs have both been unexpectedly thrust into the spotlight in their first CFL campaigns. The 23-year-old Jennings moved from No. 3 to No. 1 on the depth chart with B.C. after starter Travis Lulay and backup John Beck got hurt, while the 24-year-old Mathews assumed the top job in Hamilton when Zach Collaros was lost to season-ending knee injury.

And while Jennings and Mathews have each shown poise and promise, their teams are in very different predicaments with the regular season winding down. The Lions (5-10) desperately need a win in the West Division playoff chase after blowing leads the last two weeks, while the Tiger-Cats (10-5) are in a battle for top spot in the East.

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> **"I missed my guys, I feel good being back up here. It was good for me to go back home and be with my mom.**
> Argos' receiver Kevin Elliott

NFL

Taylor out for Buffalo

Buffalo Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor will not play in Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium.

Bills coach Rex Ryan said Taylor has not recovered from his left knee injury and did not practice on Thursday.

"He still has some soreness in that knee. That means when you touch it and it's still sore, that it hasn't healed all the way," Ryan said. "We're not going force this young man out there when he's really not 100 per cent."

With Taylor out, EJ Manuel will again start for the Bills (3-3). The backup quarterback is 6-9 as a starter, including a 34-21 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals last week. Manuel will be making a second consecutive start for the first time since going 2-2 to open last season before being benched by former coach Doug Marrone and replaced by journeyman Kyle Orton. "For me yesterday it was a 50-50 thing," Manuel said of his prospects of starting against the Jaguars (1-5) at Wembley. "I wasn't too surprised."

Taylor started the first five games of the season but sprained a ligament in his left knee in the 14-13 win over Tennessee on Oct. 11. He practiced on Wednesday and said his knee was getting better. But Ryan said Thursday that the doctors looked at him after practice and determined he wasn't ready.

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Buffalo Bills QB Tyrod Taylor
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NHL ACTION

SENATORS TAKE ON DEVILS Ottawa Senators' Mika Zibanejad scores on New Jersey Devils goaltender Cory Schneider during hockey first period action at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa Thursday. For details and final score of the game, go to metronews.ca.

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Klopp left frustrated

EUROPA LEAGUE ROUNDUP

New Liverpool boss draws first home game vs. 10-man Kazan

Liverpool was denied a first home victory under new manager Jurgen Klopp after they were limited by 10-man Rubin Kazan to 1-1 in the Europa League on Thursday.

Elsewhere, Italian league leader Fiorentina lost 2-1 at home to Lech Poznan, and Lazio strengthened its hold at the top of Group G following a 3-1 win over Rosenborg. It was a frustrating night for Klopp, who saw his side fall behind early to striker Marko Devic's impressive half-volley. However, the Russian side lost captain Oleg Kuzmin to a second yellow card in the 36th minute, and within seconds Emre Can equalized.

Despite the man advantage, wayward passes and poor finishing meant Liverpool had to settle for its third successive draw in Group B.

Anderlecht came from behind to beat Tottenham 2-1 in Group J. Christian Eriksen gave the English Premier League side a fourth-minute lead, then Guillaume Gillet levelled with a well-taken volley. Stefano Okaka won it for the Belgian side with 15 minutes remaining.

Jurgen Klopp
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Second-half goals from Dawid Kownacki and Maciej Gajos secured victory for Lech Poznan, leaving Fiorentina bottom of Group I. Lazio's win was all the more impressive after defender Mauricio's red-card dismissal in the sixth minute. Even a man down, goals from Alessandro Matri, Felipe Anderson and Antonio Candreva moved the Italian side three points clear at the top of its group.

Saint-Etienne moved up to second behind the Rome-based club after a surprise 1-0 away win over Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk. In Group K, substitute Leroy Sane salvaged a 2-2 draw for Schalke at home to Sparta Prague.

In Group E, Villarreal thrashed Dinamo Minsk 4-0 with Cedric Bakambu's scoring a first-half brace, and Roberto Soldado and Eric Bailly were on target for the Spanish club after the restart.

Portugal midfielder Alan scored the winner two minutes from time as Sporting Braga beat Marseille 3-2 in Group F.

In Group A, leader Molde beat Celtic 3-1 with Ola Kamara, Vegard Forren and Mohamed Elyounoussi scoring to open up a three-point lead for the Norwegian champions at the top of the table. Striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored a hat trick as Borussia Dortmund beat Qabala 3-1 to consolidate top spot in Group C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

Dutch legend Cruyff diagnosed with cancer

Dutch football great Johan Cruyff is battling lung cancer, his spokeswoman said Thursday. "He has been in hospital this week for tests and lung cancer has been confirmed," said Carole Thate, a spokeswoman for the former Ajax and Barcelona star.

She gave no further comment on Cruyff's condition, saying he was undergoing further tests. Cruyff, 68, who personified his country's attacking Total Football in the 1970s, was a smoker during his playing days and until undergoing an emergency heart bypass in 1991.

Afterward, he became the face of an anti-smoking campaign. His career began at Ajax and took him to Barcelona where, as player and later coach, his footballing philosophy laid the foundations for the dominant Barca teams of recent years.

He was also one of the marquee stars, along with Franz Beckenbauer and Pele, who moved to play in the United States to raise soccer's profile there.

A three-time European footballer of the year, Cruyff was synonymous with the "Clockwork Orange" Netherlands teams of the early 1970s, whose attacking style earned the team fans around the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Johan Cruyff GETTY IMAGES

WORLD SOCCER

Germany insists World Cup bid was an 'honest' one

Germany's football federation president again denied any vote-buying in the winning bid to host the 2006 World Cup, saying Thursday that "everything was done with honest means."

Wolfgang Niersbach said a payment to FIFA first reported by the weekly Der Spiegel last week was privately arranged to secure a FIFA grant to the German World Cup organizers. The deal was made during a private meeting between suspended FIFA President Sepp Blatter and World Cup organizing committee chief Franz Beckenbauer in January 2002, Niersbach said.

Der Spiegel reported Friday that a slush fund of 10.3 million Swiss francs (about $6 million) was set up to buy the votes of four Asian representatives on the FIFA executive committee. At a hastily organized news conference Thursday, Niersbach repeated that Germany had done nothing wrong in bidding for the 2006 World Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- A bit of vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 4 buns
- 4 romaine leaves, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 Tbsp ketchup
- 3 tsp Sriracha

Directions

1. Spread corn meal evenly on a plate and toss in salt, pepper, chilli and parsley until it's all combined. Spread the mixture evenly on your plate.
2. Rinse fish and pat them dry with paper towel. Press the fish into the corn meal and turn over, press the other side into the corn meal.
3. In a large pan, heat some vegetable oil to medium heat. Place your fish down in the pan. It will take about 5 minutes on the first side and only about 3 on the other side.
4. While your fish is cooking, mix up your mayo, ketchup and Sriracha in a small bowl.
5. Check your fish. The corn meal will be crusty and the fish should be opaque. Break your fish into large pieces.
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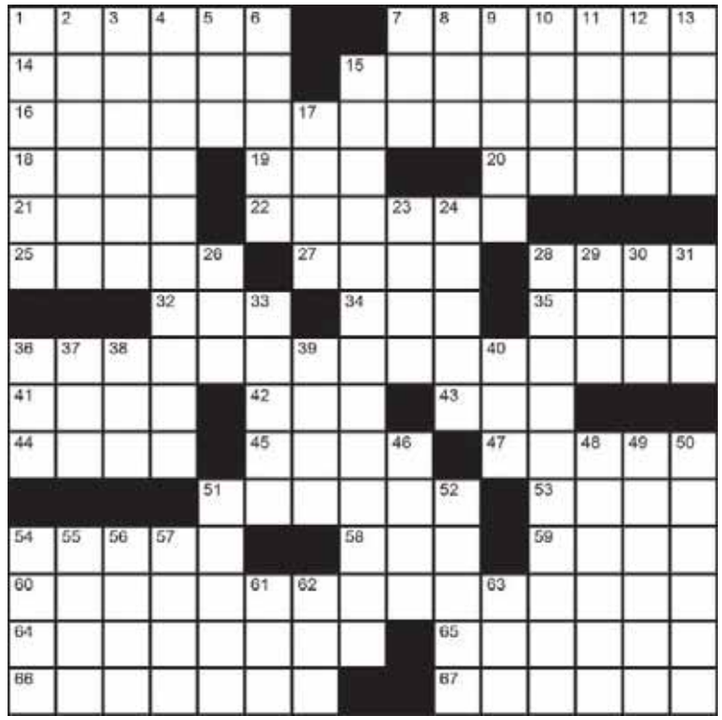

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22. Relieve Fido of pesky invaders
25. Mixes
27. Labour
28. Per __ (Daily)
32. Music star, will._.__
34. Prefix with 'cycle'
35. Estimation
36. Where to find the Glenbow Museum: 2 wds.
41. Burden
42. Head motion
43. __-disant (Self-styled)
44. "Guarding __" (1994)
45. Feet finials
47. Begin
51. Colleague
53. "It's _ __ in here!" (Chaos!)
54. High wave
58. Ms. MacGraw
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3. St. Francis of __ (From whom the Pope takes his name)
4. Miette __ __ (Mineral-rich destination in Jasper National Park)
5. Russia's deorbited space station
6. Veered, variantly
7. Mr. Perlman
8. Founded [abbr.]
9. Comedy act, Stiller & __
10. Woody Guthrie's son
11. The Greg __ Band
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15. With 'The', Farley Mowat's 1989 book about The Rock: 3 wds.
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26. Idled
28. These techie times: 2 wds.
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30. 'Racket' suffix
31. Queen guitarist Brian
33. "Herbie Goes to __ Carlo" (1977)
36. Banned insecticide
37. Mined matter
38. Existed
39. Knitter's need
40. __ Alamos, New Mexico
46. Auctioneer's word to the highest bidder!
48. Blue tones
49. "Knute __ All American" (1940)
50. __ and turns (Can't sleep)
51. Italian luxury brand
52. More knowing
54. __ on (Incites)
55. 'Buck' suffix
56. Earth sci.
57. Mr. Foxx
61. Jeans brand
62. Irish airline, with Lingus
63. Shade

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Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you will be open to asking questions about who you really are and what really motivates you. Don't be afraid to probe into areas of your mind that you would normally avoid.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you try to deceive partners and colleagues they will see through your tactics. Instead get ahead by being open and honest with everyone. Look for ways you can work together.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There will be times when it feels as if your get-up-and-go has got up and gone. Maybe it's because you are trying to do too many things for too many people. Put your own well-being first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The sun's move into your fellow water sign of Scorpio today will do wonders for your confidence and it won't be long before you realize that nothing is beyond you. Only a lack of imagination can hold you back.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Resist the urge to criticize. It would be nice if everyone were as laid back as you but they are not, so accept them for what they are and act accordingly.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The sun's change of signs means you are free to come and go as you please. Don't let others limit your horizons. Have the courage to enjoy your freedom.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have been trying hard to impress someone but there is no need. They know what you can do and will go out of their way to help you both professionally and financially.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The sun moves into your sign today, marking the start of a new solar year. By the early part of next week a lot of new opportunities will be heading your way. Accept and embrace them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't be surprised if you want to be by yourself more than usual over the weekend. Others may find it hard to accept but you must not allow them to persuade you to go places and do things you would rather avoid.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will go all out for glory. You won't care if you annoy certain people — in fact you will take it as a sign that you are doing the right thing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There can be no half measures. Both in your personal life and in your work you are determined to get ahead and will do whatever it takes to realize your ambitions. Aim high — then go higher still.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The sun in Scorpio will reveal new ways of thinking and new ways of looking at the world, and once you realize what you have been missing you won't want to go back to the old ways. The future starts here.

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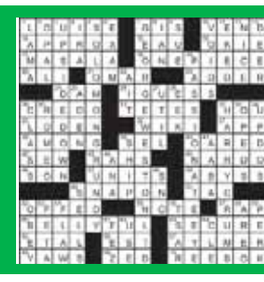

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